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AGITATION GROWS AMONG CHINESE

Dowager Empress Gives Orders to Adopt Suppressive Measures

BRITISH SUPPORT NEEDED

Fears in Some Quarters That Unrest Will Hurt British Trade

Peking, Dec. 27.—The dowager empress has given verbal orders to the interior department and to the police to suppress all public meetings in Peking, and there is reason to believe that this order will be extended to the provinces.

The popular agitation along the lines of "Right Recovery" is growing in a phenomenal manner. The question of provincial as against federal sovereignty enters largely into the matter. Women's societies, schools for boys and for girls, the family newspapers and the political press are all participating in the agitation, and for a month past the government here has been receiving telegrams in increasing numbers expressing the strong desire of the senders that the rights which have been alienated from them by foreigners be restored to the Chinese.

The movement has reached such magnitude that the government is thoroughly alarmed, and it is today striving to find a conciliatory position between the revolutionary agitators and those who consider themselves to be aggrieved.

The agitation embraces the question of the patrol of the West river by Great Britain, in an effort to put an end to the piracy there, and leading Englishmen here apprehend that the present popular hostility will result in injury to British trade. The government is relying on the support of Great Britain, whose insistence upon China's maintenance of the original position has produced an apparent solidarity among the Chinese ministers. The pressure of the British government is strengthening the position of Yuan Shi Kai, whose security and influence in Peking is regarded by foreigners as essential to the safety and progress of China.

It is declared here that the foreign agitation in the matter of the attitude adopted by Great Britain with regard to Manchuria and the warning of Russia concerning the annulment of the telegraph convention, have led the British foreign office to take action, and it is understood that this has been in the form of representations to the Tokio government. China, it is stated here, considers the attitude taken by Japan to be based upon impossible claims, and Japan, it is averred, is taking advantage of China's complications with Great Britain, in order to postpone the negotiations regarding Manchuria.

Travelers arriving here complain of what they call the organized incivility, and in some cases, the brutal conduct, of the Japanese trainmen and guards on the Manchurian railway.

Heavy Immigration

Brampton, Dec. 27.—W. D. Scott, superintendent of immigration for the Dominion, who is in the city, says immigration to Canada this year will total nearly 300,000.

Areola Court House

Areola, Sask., Dec. 27.—The plans for the proposed court house to be built at Areola next summer are now about completed by the government architect. Those who have seen it say that it will prove quite an imposing structure in a town the size of Areola. It is to be built of white brick with stone facing. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

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Halifax School Damaged.
Halifax, Dec. 27.—Compton avenue school, one of the best school buildings in the city, was badly damaged by fire tonight.

Coal Miners' Wages.
Halifax, Dec. 27.—At a meeting of the grand council, P.W.A., today it was decided to submit the matter of wages of miners employed in the Dominion Coal company collieries to a board of conciliation, under the Lemieux act.

Killed by Whiskey.
St. Stephen, N.B., Dec. 27.—On Christmas Eve a number of boys playing about the railway station at Bonny River, found some whiskey in transit, and John Maxwell, aged 10 years, obtained possession of a quantity of it and drank it. He became ill and died on Christmas Day.

Woman's Sad Fate.
St. John, N.B., Dec. 27.—At an early hour this morning Mrs. Edward Chisholm was found in a dying condition by people who had taken her in and given her shelter on Thursday afternoon, when she applied for aid for herself and her three-year-old baby. She was under the influence of drink at the time. The cries of the baby brought the inmates of the house to her bedside early this morning. She died before daylight. The woman's husband went west, and for the past three months she has been drinking heavily.

THREATEN STRIKE FOR LOWER RENTS

Movement Against Grasping Landlords on New York East Side

New York, Dec. 27.—Real estate agents from Brooklyn went into the crowded house district on the East side of Manhattan today and tried to do missionary work in their own interests by urging the tenants who are now engaged in a crusade for lower rents to move to Brooklyn, but the sympathy of the outsiders did not seem to scare local real estate agents. One of them said that the east side is a "homish" person and likes to associate with the friends and neighbors whom he had known since his arrival from Europe.

At the Socialist party headquarters on Grand street, it was learned today that the evictions that have been made since the recent rent strike was decided upon, have no real connection with the movement. Such evictions are for failure to pay rent for the present and past months. The chief point will come if at all, when the collectors make their January calls.

There were tenement house meetings in almost every block tonight. For the most part, they were impromptu gatherings, without any attempt at organization, but they were marked with many declarations of war against the landlords. Many of the tenants, were of the opinion that their end would be best accomplished by residing at the expense of collecting present rents and affording shelter to persons evicted. There were others who favored more drastic measures, and many tenants discussed a combined stand against the marshal in the event of eviction.

RACES AT WAR

Burning of Negro Shack Starts Trouble Between Whites and Blacks in Oklahoma

Henrietta, Okla., Dec. 27.—With every available fighting man sworn in as a deputy and only 1,200 rounds of ammunition in the town, Henrietta is fearing a deadly race war as the result of the lynching of James Garden, a negro.

The firing of a small negro shack owned by a white man near the Frisco station yesterday, caused a call to arms.

Within five minutes after the fire alarm was given nearly 100 armed men were prepared for an attack. Three citizen patrols have been established. Thirty-five negroes heavily armed passed through Wild Cat yesterday inciting the blacks to revolt. They are camped on the river within ten miles of Henrietta. More than 30 armed blacks have gone from Wild Cat one of the thickest negro settlements in the coal fields. About fifty stands of small arms were purchased in by negroes.

DIED OF LOCKJAW

Chicago Physician Who Was an Authority on the Disease Becomes Its Victim

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—Dr. J. F. Penseden, employed by a Chicago packing firm, died last night of lockjaw, resulting from a fracture of the nose which occurred a week ago.

Dr. Penseden fell down a stairway in the laboratory of the packing plant the vein over the nose was broken and the wound became infected with tetanus germs.

On Christmas eve the physician was suddenly stricken with lockjaw. He diagnosed his own case and with the aid of pencil and paper directed his family to send him to a hospital. He then sent for his lawyer and made his will.

During his illness he constantly joined with hospital physicians in their consultations and gave it as his opinion several days ago that he could not recover, and asked the surgeons to put an end to his life. The immediate cause of death was said to be heart failure following a convulsion.

RUSSIAN EMPRESS SERIOUSLY ILL

Condition Ascribed to Regimen Adopted to Reduce Her Weight

ANXIOUS ABOUT CHILDREN

Will Not Try Southern Climate Because of Fear of Separation

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—No official announcement was made today concerning the condition of Empress Alexandra, which leads to the presumption that there have been no new alarming developments in her ailment.

For some time her majesty has been suffering from a slight attack of influenza. Previously she consulted a specialist and submitted to a severe regimen to reduce her weight, and her present affliction is ascribed to this.

Information reaching the Associated Press from Tsarskoe Selo is to the effect that the health of the empress is extremely bad, and that she is still confined to her bed under care of Prof. Eugene Botkin.

A recommendation that she should go to the Riviera for a change of climate met with strong objection, the empress being unwilling to receive a suggestion, the adoption of which would mean separation from her children. This feeling is especially strong in the case of the heir apparent, Grand Duke Alexis Nikolaevitch, for whose safety the empress is so anxious that practically she never permits him to be taken from her.

Miss Maloney's Adventures.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Martin Maloney today, through a personal friend issued the following statement bearing upon the affairs of Helen Maloney, or Mrs. Herbert Osborne, who caused a sensation by eloping with Samuel Clarkson, a young Englishman, three months ago, after having married young Osborne, who at the time was a Princeton student: "Mr. Martin Maloney's daughter Helen is with him at the city residence in West Logan Square. Beyond saying that the rumors about the precarious condition of his daughter's health are unfounded, neither Mr. Maloney nor any member of his family has anything to say for publication. No other statement or information will be given out by the Maloney family, either now or in the future."

BROWNSVILLE CASE BROUGHT TO COURT

Endeavor Made to Test Legality of President Roosevelt's Action

New York, Dec. 27.—United States District Attorney Henri L. Stinson said today that he had been served with the papers filed in the United States District Court by counsel for Oscar Reid, a member of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, which was disbanded by executive order following the rioting at Brownsville, Texas.

The plaintiff sues the government to recover pay lost through his discharge from the army, but the attorneys in the case had admitted that they were retained by "wealthy gentlemen of New England," whose real object is to determine the legality of the president's action in discharging the colored soldiers "without honor."

The district attorney added that he had not decided what he would do in the matter. He might, he thought, demur to the complaint, or possibly waive that right, and if he was convinced that he was right in accepting service of the papers, try the case upon its merits.

Toronto City Analyst.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Dr. Fleming has been appointed city analyst, in succession to Prof. Shuttleworth.

Professor Clark Resigns.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Rev. W. Clark, professor of English literature in Trinity college, has resigned, his resignation to take effect September 3 next.

Revolver Accident.

Petersboro, Ont., Dec. 27.—Frank Blackwell, of the Bank of Montreal, Newmarket, was struck in the eye with a shell which flew back while he was target shooting with a revolver today. His eye had to be taken out.

Says It Was Accident.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 27.—John David Terrace, accused of murdering William Curry, today stated he did not intend shooting the victim. He said he playfully pointed the gun at James Curry, not thinking it was loaded, and the latter made a grab at it and the weapon was discharged, the shot entering the body of Wm. Curry, killing him. Terrace's story is believed to be true by a number of local men.

Premier Gouin to Wed.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—It is announced here today that Hon. Lomer Gouin, Prime Minister of Quebec, will be married in a short time to Madame Thibaudau, a wealthy widow lady of Three Rivers, and that the Premier and his bride will spend a few weeks in the City of Mexico, returning in time for the opening of the session at Quebec, which will be called some time in February.

Franchise for Women.
Toronto, Dec. 27.—The council today decided to ask the legislature to enact that married women owning property in their own right should have the municipal franchise.

A. D. C. to King.
Ottawa, Dec. 27.—News has been received here of the appointment of Capt. Frederick Charles Doveton Sturdee, of the Royal Navy, as an aide camp to the King. Capt. Sturdee is a Canadian, native of St. John, N. B.

Veteran Court Reporter.

Washington, Dec. 27.—John Chandler Bancroft Davis, for the last twenty-four years reporter for the United States Supreme Court, formerly United States minister to Germany and at one time secretary of the United States Legation at London, died here today. He was born in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 29, 1822. By profession Mr. Davis was a lawyer.

Prairie Grain Marketed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The amount of grain marketed at C.P.R. points on Dec. 26 was 68,000 bushels of wheat and 31,000 bushels of other grains, as compared with 81,000 bushels of wheat and 15,000 bushels of other grains on the same date last year. The total amount marketed since Sept. 1 is 23,572,000 bushels of wheat and 4,677,000 bushels of other grains.

LOVE AND ENMITY DISTURB GYPSIES

Three Tribes in New York's Vicinity Wind Up in Prosaic Police Court

New York, Dec. 27.—A story of strife which disrupted the amalgamation of three Gypsy tribes and of a romance which brought them together again, but was ended with the three factions farther apart than ever, was told in the police court here today, in the presence of bejewelled and gaily garbed members of the three tribes. When the story was finished the King of one of the tribes and eight of his followers were sent to prison each in default of \$1,000 bail for further hearing on a charge of grand larceny.

According to the story told by Queen Dora Parse, the complainant, up to three weeks ago the three camps were located in Westchester, all under the leadership of Queen Bess Stanley. Then came internal strife and the tribes separated. Queen Bess continuing to reign over the original camp, while the other tribes moved away a short distance and established themselves under the leadership of Queen Dora and Princess Bell, respectively.

In the days of pleasant relations between the tribes, it appears that a warm attachment had sprung up between Prince John Kruse, of the Kruse Parse camp, and Princess Ethel Stanley, of the mother camp. An intermediary finally succeeded in gaining the consent of the parents of the young lovers to their marriage. A temporary truce was arranged for last night to celebrate the announcement of the engagement. Queen Dora told the court today that after some hours of merry-making, when she led the assembled party to the tent where the money and jewels were kept to be bestowed on the bride-to-be, her dowry and the marriage jewels and chain, she found that everything had been carried away by the others. She accused Stanley and his followers.

After the hearing, the magistrate ordered the prisoners to furnish bail in \$1,000 each and directed them to appear later in the week for further hearing on the charge of grand larceny. When the call for bail was made, a score or more of Stanley's followers rushed to the desk of the clerk and threw a shower of gold ornaments before him. They left the courtroom in tears when informed that only real estate would be accepted as security. Stanley and his followers were taken to the cells.

Buffalo Fire.

Buffalo, Dec. 27.—Fire tonight did \$50,000 damage in the wholesale produce market at Elk and Michigan Sts. D. M. Wattles and Son and Gleason and Ecker were burned out.

Cholera in Arabia.

Constantinople, Dec. 27.—The cholera is committing great havoc among the pilgrims to Mecca, the deaths at Mecca, Medina and Yembo averaging one hundred a day.

Clergyman's Sudden Death

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27.—Rev. Robert McCosh, rector of Christ church in this city for the past fourteen years, dropped dead from heart failure shortly after partaking of supper last night. He was about 58 years of age.

Bishop Reeve Comes West.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Bishop W. D. Reeve, formerly bishop of Athabasca, and now assistant to the Archbishop of Toronto, spent Christmas in the city, leaving for the west last night.

U. S. Hospital Ship

Washington, Dec. 27.—The orders assigning Surgeon Charles F. Stokes to the command of the hospital ship Relief, are expected to be signed soon, it having been definitely decided to appoint him to that post. Falling to man the Relief with a crew from the merchant marine, the enlisted force of the navy will be drawn on A. L. Foster, assigned as captain, in which case he will have command.

Intercolonial Employees.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 27.—General Manager Pottinger of the I. C. R. has issued a circular with reference to employees and municipal elections. It states that the minister of railways has decided that only in very exceptional cases in which the minister may determine that the public interest can be served without the interest of the railway being prejudicially affected, shall employees be permitted to offer for and accept such offices.

TRAINS CRASH ON GRAND TRUNK

Collision Between Passenger and Freight on Detroit Section

FIVE TRAINMEN ARE KILLED

Engineers and Firemen Mangled and Scalded by Steam

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—Speeding through a dense fog at 40 miles an hour, Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5, which left Port Huron shortly before 7 o'clock tonight for this city, collided head-on with a double-header freight train one mile north of Lenox, Mich.

Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later. All of the passengers escaped injury except a baby, who was only slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat when the trains crashed.

Following is the list of dead: James Bennet, passenger engineer, Detroit.

August Berhowski, freight engineer, Detroit.

George Boughmier, freight fireman, Detroit.

Willard G. Tyler, freight switchman, Detroit.

Albert McCall, passenger fireman, Port Huron, Mich.

The passenger locomotive ploughed under the engines of the double-header, and the trainmen were buried in the wreckage. Their bodies were terribly mangled, and scalded by the escaping steam.

Engineer Fred Haugh and Fireman Washburn of the second freight engine escaped death. Haugh was caught in his cab, but was taken out unhurt. Washburn jumped and was only slightly injured.

The freight train had switched from the main track to a siding to allow the passenger to pass. It is unofficially charged that the switch was not properly closed, and on account of the fog which prevailed the passenger crew could not see that the target was set against them.

STORK ON TRAIN

A Baby Born to Woman Passenger Traveling From St. Paul to Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—When the express from the south arrived at the station this morning, it carried one passenger which the train did not have to stop for.

On the way up from St. Paul, the stork arrived, and for Mrs. Jones H. Jackson was born a little baby. Fortunately for the mother and child, there was a doctor aboard, who attended the patient.

When the train arrived at the station, Mrs. Jackson was fixed up in a cab and taken to the home of some friends where she was on the way to visit. A wire was sent ahead and the friends had the cab at the station. A wire was also sent to the husband in St. Paul, acquainting him of the facts.

CONSUL NOSSE

Japan's Representative Denies Report That He is Going Home in Angry Mood

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—Before leaving last night for his native land, the attention of Japanese Consul-General Nosse was called to a despatch which appeared in the Winnipeg papers of Monday alleging that he had charged the Dominion government with a breach of faith in the immigration question and that he is in a "royal rage" with the authorities at Ottawa.

Mr. Nosse characterized the despatch as fabrication from start to finish. He remarked: "I have never said to a living soul that the Canadian government has been guilty of any breach of faith. My relations with the authorities at Ottawa at all times have been of a most friendly character. I am not in a 'royal rage.' On the contrary, at this joyous season of the year I have nothing but feelings of good will towards all men. I am leaving Ottawa tonight for a visit to my native country and in doing so shall carry with me the kindest feelings for the people and the government of Canada, realizing at the same time that I have made many friends in the Dominion during my many years' residence. I hope in future as in the past to continue my efforts to promote closer relations between Japan and Canada, commercially and otherwise. To all my Canadian friends I offer the Japanese farewell, 'Sayonara,' which may be interpreted as 'Au Revoir,' but not good-bye."

Mica Business Affected.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Owing to the failure of several large houses in the United States, which formerly bought their supplies of mica from Galtneau Valley dealers, the latter in some cases have been forced to close their doors, and in other cases their stocks are being sold by auction.

Telegraphic Change.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—A new era of retrenchment in the telegraph business in this state is expected to dawn with the coming of the new year, and already big changes are planned by the U.S. and Postal companies. The most important change in the Postal will be the abolishing of Connecticut as a district jurisdiction with a superintendent. The superintendent will be transferred to New York, and Richard P. Martin, the present state superintendent at Hartford, will be made a local manager there.

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New Brunswick Politics.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 27.—The local government ticket here has practically been decided upon. It will consist of Mayor Sears, Edward Lantlam, M. P. P., D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., and A. G. Skinner. The arrangement is that if Mayor Sears is elected he will resign later, and with Hon. Wm. Pugsley run for the Dominion house.

ACCUSED PRINCE APPEARS IN COURT

Zu Eulenberg's Statement in His Own Behalf at Trial of Editor Harden

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The hearing of the Harden-Mollath case was resumed today with the morning session. The trial was taken up with the testimony of Dr. Frey, of Vienna, who at one time treated Frau von Elbe, the divorced wife of General von Mollath. The witness declared that the former countess was most hysterical and that her charges against von Mollath were based upon fantasy.

Dr. Liman, editor of the Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten, who at one time had rather intimate relations with Prince von Bismarck, and who since the death of the prince had been one of the chief apostles of the Bismarck cult, was then called upon to testify regarding a remark he had heard Bismarck make concerning Prince Philip Zu Eulenberg. This remark played a considerable part in the first Harden trial, when Harden interpreted it in an equivocal sense as implying a charge of secret services of an abominable character against Zu Eulenberg. Dr. Liman swore that he had understood Bismarck's words to mean simply that Zu Eulenberg was responsible for certain political occurrences and they conveyed no covert innuendo about vice practices.

Prince Zu Eulenberg, who had come into the courtroom with the assistance of his two sons, here asked permission to make a statement. This was granted, and the prince said he had read the most friendly relations with Bismarck until the latter broke with the Emperor when their intercourse ceased entirely. He had learned from various sources that Bismarck thought he should have made common cause with him and withdrawn his support from the Emperor when he did. "This, for many reasons, I did not do," he continued, "and I encountered much hostility because of my course. Bismarck's was a volcanic nature, and he was volcanic in his hate. I still think with joy of the hospitality I enjoyed at Bismarck's table, but with sorrow of the break in our relations."

Bismarck combined of the presence of irresponsible persons in the entourage of the Emperor, but the Emperor had the right to summon whom he would."

Prince Zu Eulenberg often accompanied the Emperor on his Norwegian voyages and hunting excursions as a representative of the foreign office, but he took oath that he had never sought to obtain political influence over His Majesty.

The prince spoke with deep earnestness and the profoundest silence of the court. Continuing, he said he had invited Raymond Lecomte, formerly Charge d'Affaires of the French embassy at Berlin, to Ljemburg at the wish of the Emperor, not with any idea of introducing him surreptitiously to His Majesty. The invitation would have been the function of the French ambassador.

Prince Zu Eulenberg then declared he had not interfered in politics since resigning from the Vienna embassy in 1902, except at the time of the Morocco difficulty. Being in Berlin at that time and having obtained from M. Lecomte some highly interesting information regarding the feeling at Paris, he communicated this news to Chancellor von Buelow. "This is all I had to do with the Morocco affair. I never spoke one word to His Majesty about Morocco. Indeed, I very seldom spoke to him of politics at all, except occasionally during visits to Romonth, the Emperor's hunting lodge on the Russian frontier. I might have referred to some burning questions."

Owing to the fact that Harden showed signs of weariness, the court then adjourned.

SUNFIELD'S EXECUTION

Hamilton Murderer Displays Remarkable Coolness While Preparing For His Death

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.—Jake Sunfield, who murdered Andrew Ruzick whom he boarded with was hanged this morning.

The condemned man's nerve held out till the end. He walked to the gallows with unflinching step, smoking a cigar with the same indifference he had shown from the time he was arrested. When he reached the steps of the gallows, Sunfield spat out what remained of the cigar, and after climbing on top of the platform turned to those who were present to witness the execution and coolly remarked:

"Good-bye gentlemen. I have been told not to say anything."

Without further ceremony Hangman Radcliff placed the black cap over the condemned man's head and adjusted the noose about his neck. As Rev. Mahoney repeated the Lord's prayer the trap was sprung and Sunfield was dead.

He left a written statement declaring his innocence.

Point Out Woman As Burglar

Tacoma, Dec. 26.—Two years ago last evening a thief went through the house of John Malone, saloon man. At dinner last evening he asked Mrs. Malone about it, and in the evening, upon returning from downtown, found his wife locked in a room. Cautiously opening the door he found her in the act of robbing the house. Mr. Malone is certain the person was a woman, as tracks found near a water spout, which was used to effect an entrance, are those of a woman. Mrs. Malone also says she heard the soft footfall of a woman's skirt. Only a few trifles were taken, the burglar evidently being after money.

His Business

"You say the officer arrested you while you were quietly minding your own business?"

"Yes, Your Worship. He caught me suddenly by the coat collar and threatened to strike me with his truncheon unless I accompanied him to the station."

"You were quietly attending to your business; making no noise or disturbance of any kind?"

"None, whatever."

"It seems very strange. What is your business?"

"He's a burglar, Your Worship," said the constable.

Further reductions in number of workmen in Belfast shipyards have been made, owing to a strike; 2,300 men are now idle.

Lusitania's Voyage.

Queenstown, Dec. 27.—The Cunard Line steamer Lusitania from New York arrived here yesterday. Owing to the heavy weather neither passengers nor mail were landed. They were carried on to Liverpool.

Aged 102 Years

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Rev. John Schaffer, 102 years old, is dead at North Benton. He was born in Ireland, Pa., Nov. 22, 1805, and became a minister of the Lutheran church at the age of 21.

Killed by Robbers

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 27.—Unknown robbers entered the home of Cameron Cool, West Erie, today and after fracturing Cool's skull with a blunt instrument, robbed him of three hundred dollars. He will die. His assailant escaped. Mr. Cool is a breeder and trainer of race horses and well known among race horse owners.

Murdered Woman Identified.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 27.—The identity of the young woman whose body was found in a pond in Harrison, a suburb of this city, yesterday, remains unknown. For nearly twenty-four hours the body has lain at the morgue and the features have been viewed by hundreds of persons, but none of them ever saw the woman before.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ROMANCE IS TOLD

Barnet Operator Saves Girl's Life and Then Marries Her in Ottawa

The following story of a romance which had its origin in this province appears in the Ottawa Free Press of Thursday, Dec. 19:

"The romantic sequel to the heroic rescue of a young Ottawa lady from drowning by a Canadian Pacific railway telegraph operator at Barnet, B.C., in the summer transpired last evening in the quiet of the parsonage of Bethany church, Richmond road, when Rev. Robert Eadie united in marriage Miss Edith Olive Thompson, daughter of Edmund Thompson, 39 Dismas street, with Cement Bradbury Young, of Barnet, B.C."

"Nearly 12 months ago, Mr. Thompson and his daughters, Edith and Nellie, left for a visit to the Pacific. By the shore of the ocean an intimacy grew between Mr. Young, who was stationed there as a telegraph operator for the C.P.R., and the elder girl, Miss Edith Thompson, and rapidly ripened into love."

"In May, as members of a jolly party, the young people were bathing, when Edith and Nellie, unaccustomed to the eccentricities of the tide, were swept off their feet and were in immediate danger of drowning."

Alarmed by their cries for assistance, Mr. Thompson, the father, rushed into their aid. Being unable to swim, he too, was in serious difficulty until Mr. Young came to the rescue. Although by any means a good swimmer, the brave young fellow succeeded after several attempts, in rescuing all three from the clutch of the receding waves."

"It is needless to add that any previous friendship between the two Miss Edith and the gallant youth were considerably strengthened, and before the young lady returned to the east arrangements had been made for a wedding."

"On his way to the capital fate again manifested itself in a strange manner. Mr. Young was a passenger on No. 96 train which plunged headlong into the sea at Anglesea with fatal results to the engineer and fireman."

"Mr. Young was one of the first to participate in the work of rescue. With the help of his father, he endeavored to extricate the fireman, who, pinned and crushed beneath the wheels, was screaming in agony. In their efforts to effect the unfortunate man's release they were obliged to pull until one leg, so badly crushed that it hung only by a shred of flesh, was severed. Both engineer and fireman succumbed later."

"In addition to this gruesome task Mr. Young was obliged to make a lengthy turn at the telegraph instrument until the line was cleared. His arrival in the capital was delayed 26 hours by the mishap."

"The ceremony last evening was quiet. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by her sister, Miss Ellen, whom the groom had also rescued. Samuel G. Lowrie was groomsmen."

"Mr. and Mrs. Young left this afternoon for Maine, where they will spend the honeymoon, and will return with relatives. After a brief visit to the capital again they will leave for Barnet, B. C., where they will reside."

New Brunswick Financiers.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 27.—The statement of the province for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31 issued this morning shows ordinary revenue \$969,939 and expenditure chargeable to ordinary revenue \$960,092, leaving a surplus of \$9,846. Among the receipts is noticed Dominion subsidy to the amount of \$556,360. This includes the first half-yearly increase under the new readjustment of Dominion subsidies.

Row in Penitentiary.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—It has leaked out that there was a lively time last Wednesday night at the penitentiary. For some reason the convicts, when they were placed in their cells, began singing about Deputy Warden O'Leary: "We'll Hang O'Leary on a Sour Apple Tree." This was kept up all night, and the warden ordered the force of the guards to prevent it. The result was that 27 men were marked for the dungeon, and as there are only eleven cells in this department, the prison of isolation had to be reopened to receive the surplus violators of prison discipline.

MILK ANALYSIS

Inland Revenue Department Finds Toronto and British Columbia Samples Bad

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—An Inland Revenue department bulletin has been issued on the inspection of milk from 343 samples collected during July and August. The samples represented all the inspectorial districts of Canada with the exception of Manitoba. The average percentage of genuine samples is 81, which is higher than any previous inspection.

Toronto and British Columbia stand out prominently as districts in which the milk supply is of very low quality. The per cent for Toronto is 43, that for British Columbia 53. Calgary, London, Ottawa and Kingston headed the list with 100 per cent. Montreal comes next with 97. New Brunswick 90, Nova Scotia 83, H. Hyatt 77, P. E. I., 83, and Quebec 69. Of 343 samples 171 were normal, 111 abnormal, 36 skimmed or partly skimmed, 21 watered and 4 doubtful.

QUEER STORY TOLD IN DIVORCE SUIT

Sakatchewan Man Accused of Ill-Treating Women He Had Married

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The papers in the divorce case of Estelle J. Thurber against Culver R. Thurber, that have been filed in the Hennepin county court, Minneapolis, if true, tell a story which is as melodramatic as was ever portrayed on the stage by Lillian Carter. The defendant is held up as a modern Bluebeard, except that he does not appear to have killed his wives, only enslaved them.

Thurber lives three miles from River View, Sask., and according to the divorce papers has captured and imprisoned three women who have escaped cruelty and perhaps death by miraculous intervention. Estelle J. Thurber, in her complaint against Culver R. Thurber, says she first met the man in Minneapolis, on December 30, 1906. He told her great stories of the wealth to be gained in filing on a 160-acre tract near Davidson, Sask., where he owned much land, and he offered to let her have \$300 with which to file it she would come out to that country. She could make a small fortune out of the land and be independent.

Then he left the city and from that time till August 5, 1907, he wrote her letters, telling her of the opportunity to be had in that country. It is said.

In August, at her suggestion, he came to Minneapolis and took her to Davidson, where she stopped with his brother's family. Later, on September 30, she went with him to file on a tract and immediately after she had filed he took her away and demanded that she marry him, it is charged. If she did not, he said he would kill her, according to the accusation, thereby so frightening her that she went with him and a ceremony was performed. Immediately he took her to his ranch at River View, where, she says, he beat her nearly into insensibility and then kept her a prisoner and beat and ill-treated her. She could not escape, but one day she managed to hastily tear off a piece of paper from a sack and scribble a prayer for help to a friend in Minneapolis. Getting that to Annie Martinson, postmistress at River View, she waited, hoping against hope. The postmistress enclosed the scrawl in an envelope and re-addressed it, with the result that a rescuer from Minneapolis took her away from the man who, she says, was holding her a prisoner. The wife, whose name in Minneapolis before her marriage was Estelle Earl, charges that she was only one of three young women who were enslaved in the same way, and that there was a child by one of them. Which one is the prior wife she does not know, but she asks for a divorce to be sure of her freedom.

"He never gave me one cent," she said, "nor did he get me one thing except meagre food, but I am so thankful to get away with my life that I want nothing more. The postmistress at River View, Annie Martinson, was the means of rescuing the other two women and getting them away from that man."

TELLS OF RETURN OF FLEET TO ESQUIMAULT

Special Cables From Old Country Regarding Admiralty Plans

The following is the full text of a special Marconi wireless message, and also a special cable to the Montreal Gazette, which they were published Saturday last, telling of the return of a British squadron to Esquimault next spring:

London, Dec. 26.—(By Marconi Wireless Telegraph.)—For some time past, coincident with news of the cruise of the American battleship fleet to the Pacific, reports have been current that the British admiralty is placing a new naval distribution, and it is now announced that a Pacific squadron will be constituted in May next, with Esquimault, B. C., as the probable base. The new squadron will consist of six cruisers of the County class, and the present fourth cruiser squadron, which comprises the three first-class armored cruisers, Pressey, Euryalus and Hogue, and the third-class protected cruisers, Indefatigable and Brilliant. Though it would be a mistake to exaggerate the importance of this move, it possesses some significance as an indication of the British admiralty's view of the changed situation which the cruise of the American battleship fleet will bring about.

London, December 27.—(Special Cable Service.)—The Standard prints conspicuously a statement that Great Britain has decided to establish a new naval squadron in the Pacific. The paper says it will be composed of the present fourth cruiser squadron and six cruisers of the County class, so-called because the ships are named after the counties of Great Britain. The squadron, which will be called the Pacific and North American, will, it is expected, have its base at Esquimault. The scheme will become effective in May, 1908.

It will perhaps be recalled that an explanatory statement of the navy estimates for 1907-08 contained the announcement that the naval yards at Halifax and Esquimault would be transferred to the Dominion Government, subject to the condition that they be available for repairing His Majesty's ships and that the Admiralty would be free to resume possession whenever naval interests required. The Standard says it does not know how Canada will be affected by the new scheme. The fourth squadron which consists of the Cressey, Euryalus, Hogue, Indefatigable and Brilliant cruises periodically in North American and West Indian waters. The Indefatigable is stationed permanently there. The Brilliant is employed in Newfoundland waters during the fishing season. Of the County class of vessels three are now in Chinese waters, two in the Mediterranean, three in home waters, and two are used as training ships for cadets.

Progress in the Yukon.

Dawson, Dec. 16.—Word comes from the Porty-Mile district that about 100 men are in the region served by the Chicken Creek post office. Some are working on Chicken creek, some on Lost Chicken, some on other nearby creeks.

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Carvers, in cases, from \$2.75 to	\$50.00
Fish Sets	\$12.50 and up
Fish Carvers	\$7.00 and up
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Safety Razor Sets, "Ever Ready"	\$1.25
Safety Razor Sets, "Gillette"	\$5.00
Ladies' Scissors Sets, \$1.50 to	\$6.00
Chafing Dishes, \$7.00 to	\$9.00
Five O'clock Tea Kettles	\$3.75 up
Sugar Tongs, "Avalon"	\$1.50 up
Sugar Shells, "Avalon"	\$1.50 up
Pickle Forks, "Avalon"	\$1.00 up
Soup Ladles, "Avalon,"	Gravy Ladles.

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Work is being done this winter on Engle, Myers, Fork, Stonehouse, Napoleon, Franklin, Walker, Fork, Wade, Chicken, Lost Chicken, Canyon and other streams.

On the ground on Lost Chicken owned by McMahon, Heffron and partner two lays are being worked. Six men are on the ground. The properties have been of considerable value for several years.

The freighting on the Forty-Mile is such now that teams are able to take supplies right from the Forty-Mile post over the ice to any of the gold streams along the river.

YUKON MEN RIVALS TO LUTHER BURBANK

Cross Different Varieties of Potatoes and Get Great Yield as a Result

Dawson, Dec. 10.—Ninety sacks of potatoes, weighing five tons, is the splendid result secured by McCuskey Brothers of Clear creek, from their farm at the head of that creek, a few miles below Dawson. The potatoes matured this fall and are being held by the owners for the spring market. They are as sound and as firm and mellow and as free from moisture, the owners declare, as any potatoes ever brought to this country from the outer world.

The place where the potatoes were grown is a black schist, with two or three inches of soil over the top.

By crossing the Rochester Rose and the Golden Coin varieties of potatoes one season, and following the result the next year with a cross with the Golden Coin, the McCuskeys obtained a phenomenal potato. The first cross sent up two shoots, one yielding a pink potato and the other a white. The second year, when the pink potato was crossed with the Golden Coin, a dark blue spud was the result. The dark blue fellow was grown this year. The McCuskeys think they have something which will make Luther Burbank take notice, and promise after this to have the world sitting up to spuds of any shade. McCuskey will be happy when he feels the emerald-tinted spud. He paints vivid pictures of the beauties of potatoes served red, white and blue, and with the emerald layer for a finishing deck.

From one potato which was cut up and planted in thirty-four pieces last year, the McCuskeys raised 150 pounds of potatoes on their Clear creek farm. The farm is at the head of Clear creek, and all kinds of vegetables, such as turnips, cabbages, lettuce, carrots, onions and the like are grown there with great success.

Yukon is beginning to raise quantities of potatoes and some predict that the Yukon yet will cut a figure in the world's alcoholic production from spuds as well as raise all the potatoes needed in the northland. Many other Klondikers also are turning out fine spud crops this year.

Ontario Needs Lesson.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Faulty packing was the cause of the bad showing made by Ontario apples at the Horticultural society exhibition in London a month ago, at which British Columbia won gold medals.

A bonus of \$100,000 is required by the promoters who want to start a cement works in Markdale.

Three Killed

Camden, N. J., Dec. 27.—Three persons were killed and eight others were injured in a head-end collision on the elevated tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad today a short distance from the station in this city. The cars were so badly smashed that it will be several hours before the exact number of persons caught in the collision will be known. The trains involved are the express from Atlantic City and the Pemberton accommodation train. These trains are due in the Camden station at 8:31. There was a very thick fog when the accident occurred and it is believed that this condition is the primary cause of the collision.

Smallpox in Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.—Two more cases of what is believed to be smallpox have been reported to the health officer.

The Canadian Fire Underwriters have decided to prohibit the flexible cord on lamps.

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Colgate's Fancy Boxes, each 50c to \$2.25
Colgate's Violet Toilet Water—genuine violet odor—per bottle 35c to \$1.50

Gifts for Men and Ladies

Gentlemen's Brush Sets, real staghorn in smart case, \$9.00
Shaving Mirrors, from \$3.50 to \$6.50
Shaving Sets, fine nickel-plated Mug, with genuine badger hair brush \$3.50 to \$6.50
Shaving Brushes, from 25c up to \$2.50
Ladies' Travelling Cases, elegantly finished with nickel and real ebony furnishings, prices, \$6.50 up to \$20.00
Ladies' Hand Mirrors, a very wide choice, all prices.
Ladies' Manicure Sets, from \$1.50 to \$7.50
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VICTORIA LEADS IN GROWTH OF CLEARINGS

Leaves Behind All Other Leading Canadian Financial Centres

Victoria headed all the cities of the Dominion in the showing it made last week in the matter of bank clearings. While all the other leading financial centres in the volume of clearings, with the exception of Winnipeg and Ottawa, this city scored an increase of no less than 24.3 per cent. Winnipeg and Ottawa following away in the rear with increases of 12.9 and 5.9 per cent respectively.

The tendency for bank clearings, which have been termed the barometer of trade to decrease both in Canada and the United States has been imputed to the financial stringency in the south and east and the consequent reduced volume of business but that Victoria has not experienced any such depression is testified by the big increase in clearings last week indicating the heavy Christmas business done.

PRIZE LIST FOR NEXT ROSE SHOW

Third Annual Exhibition of Society Will Be Held Friday, June 19

The prize list for the third annual rose show of the Victoria Horticultural society, which will be held on Friday, June 19, 1908, has been prepared.

Full particulars may be secured at any time from the secretary, James A. Bland, 556 Toronto street, Victoria, B. C.

The prize list is as follows:
Class A—Professionals
Trade exhibit of roses.

Class B—Amateurs
Collection of roses, 12 varieties, 1 bloom each, shown singly, named, first, silver medal; second, \$5; third, \$3.
Collection of roses, 6 varieties, one bloom each, shown separately, named: First, \$3; second \$2.

Hybrid perpetuals, 6 varieties, one bloom each, shown singly: First, \$3; second, \$2.
Hybrid teas, 6 varieties, one bloom each, named, shown singly: First, \$3; second \$2.

Teas, 6 varieties, one bloom each, named, shown singly: First, \$3; second \$2.
Best decorative basket of roses: First, \$5; second \$2.50.

Best bowl of roses, own foliage, grown by exhibitor: First, \$3; second, \$2.
Best vase of roses, grown by exhibitor (prize donated by D. W. Hanbury): \$3.

Glori De Dijon, three blooms: 75c.
Papa Gontier, three blooms: 75c.
General Jacqueminot, three blooms: 75c.

La France, three blooms: 75c.
Caroline Testout, three blooms: 75c.
Frau Karl Druschki, three blooms: 75c.

Maman Cochet, three blooms: 75c.
White Maman Cochet, three blooms: 75c.
Ulrich Brunner, three blooms: 75c.

Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, three blooms: 75c.
Rainbow, three blooms: 75c.
Hybrid Perpetual, red, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.

Hybrid Perpetual, white, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.
Hybrid Perpetual, pink, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.

Hybrid Perpetual, dark, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.
Hybrid Tea, dark pink, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.

Hybrid Tea, white, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.
Tea, white, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.

Tea, dark pink, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.
Tea, yellow, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.

Tea, flesh, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.
Tea, copper, three blooms, one variety, named: 75c.

Best bloom in show (Hybrid Perpetual), amateurs: Bronze medal.
Best bloom in show (Hybrid Tea), amateurs: Bronze medal.

Best bloom in show (Tea) amateurs: Bronze medal.

Best bloom in show (Hybrid Perpetual), amateurs: Bronze medal.

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Best bloom in show (Tea) amateurs: Bronze medal.

Best bloom in show (Hybrid Perpetual), amateurs: Bronze medal.

APPOINTMENTS MADE OF COLLIERY BOARDS

Those Who Will Pass on Fitness of Men for Coal Mines

Notice is given in the current issue of the B. C. Gazette that the following constitute the boards of examiners for the various collieries during the year 1908:

Cumberland Colliery.
Appointed by the owners—Charles Matthews; alternates, David Walker, David Nellist.
Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—John Kesley.

Elected by the miners—Joseph W. Horbury; alternates, Alexander McNeil, Thomas Leeman.
All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, John Kesley, of Cumberland, B. C.

Extension Colliery.
Appointed by the owners—Alexander Bryden; alternates, Alexander Shaw, William Jones.
Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—W. G. Simpson.

Elected by the miners—James Glen; alternates, Thomas Doherty, William Anderson.
All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, W. G. Simpson, Ladysmith, B. C.

Nanaimo Colliery.
Appointed by the owners—George Wilkinson; alternates, Charles Graham, John Newton.
Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—Thomas Budge.

Elected by the miners—John Carr; alternates, George Moore, Daniel Livingston.
All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, Thomas Budge, Nanaimo, B. C.

Michel Colliery.
Appointed by the owners—John Eastman; alternates, Joseph Thomas, John Newton.
Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—Robert Middleton.

Elected by the miners—Thomas George Harries; alternates, Frank Campbell, Charles Fuchs.
All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, Robert Middleton, Michel, B. C.

Coal Creek Colliery.
Appointed by the owners—David Martin; alternates, John Hunt, Harry Mlad.
Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—John McClelland.

Elected by the miners—Robert Adamson; alternates, Joseph Lane, Abraham Brown.
All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, John McClelland, Coal Creek, B. C.

Alternates act as members of the board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.

CHILDREN ENJOY CONCERT
Annual Entertainment of Congregational Church Sunday School Great Success

Happy faces thronged the Congregational church, Pandora street, last evening when the scholars of the Sunday school celebrated their annual Christmas and Christmas tree.

From 5 o'clock when the children commenced to gather in the school room, until well after 9 o'clock, the merriment continued, and the large number of scholars and their parents who gathered, despite the unfavorable weather conditions, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The annual supper was served at 6 o'clock, and full justice was done to the host of good things which had been provided. After supper the tables were cleared away and for the next hour the children indulged in games, and from the hilarious time, it was plain the children were out for a night's enjoyment and had it. After the games the scholars who will take part in the cantata, which is to be given on next Friday evening, rendered the first number of the performance, "Happy, Happy Christmas Time." The number was given with a spirit and accuracy which spoke volumes for the carefulness with which the children have been trained, and the cantata promises to be a decided success.

Rev. H. D. Carson, pastor of the church, briefly addressed the children,

and then the children rendered the cantata, which was a most pleasing and successful performance.

The annual Christmas entertainment tendered the pupils of the Sunday school by the teachers and officers of the Metropolitan Methodist church, was given last evening in that institution.

Despite the inclement weather, it was a large crowd of the pupils and their friends which gathered in the body of the church and overflowed into the galleries. In the choir loft a magnificent Christmas tree was stationed which almost hid the big pipe organ from view. It was a sight to delight the eyes of any children. For from there hung scores of gifts in mysterious looking bundles, while from every branch there dangled dozens of vari-colored electric lights, tinsel balls, and ornaments of red and blue or gold and silver, the whole presenting a picture that made it very hard for the children to contain their impatience while a programme of songs and recitations, and numerous instrumental numbers were given. But when the programme, which, after all, was not very long, and which proved highly pleasing to all present had been concluded, the superintendent, E. A. Lewis, announced that Santa Claus was on hand, and as if by magic the Christmas saint appeared on the platform. He wore a conical coat and the traditional long white beard and rosy complexion of the children's friends, and from around his waist, where in giraffe form they hung, a peal of sleigh bells completed his make-up.

Then began the pleasantest part of all. As the assistants took the gifts from the tree, the recipient's name was called out by the superintendent and Santa was the messenger.

Everyone got what they wanted, and when the last present had been gathered from the tree it was nearly 11 o'clock.

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After the programme, the distribution of gifts took place. The part of Santa Claus was played by Noah Shakespeare who took it to perfection. Gifts for all the pupils were provided.

Immigration in November.
Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Immigration returns for November show an increase of about eighteen per cent, over the same month in 1906. The total arrivals for the month were 13,593, an increase of 1,074. There were 9,068 immigrants by ocean ports, compared with 7,225 in November last year. Arrivals from the United States were 3,950, a decrease of 309.

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wishing them all the compliments of the season and congratulating them on the success of the evening's entertainment. J. Ferris, superintendent of the Sunday school, also spoke to the scholars, praising their work of the past year, and invited them all to be present at the forthcoming concert.

A violin solo by Miss C. Roberts, who was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Roberts, was greatly enjoyed, and preceded the great event of the evening, the Christmas tree, which, with its many-colored lights, hosts of acceptable presents and pretty decorations, was greeted with cries of wonder and surprise from the expectant children. Santa Claus, in the person of Albert Horness, distributed the gifts. The special prizes and awards won by the children of the Sunday school during the past year, will be distributed next Friday evening.

**CHRISTMAS TREE AT
THE METROPOLITAN**
Children Greatly Pleased With the Big Tree Which Filled Organ Loft

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Then began the pleasantest part of all. As the assistants took the gifts from the tree, the recipient's name was called out by the superintendent and Santa was the messenger.

Everyone got what they wanted, and when the last present had been gathered from the tree it was nearly 11 o'clock.

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Cantata and Christmas Tree Tendered the Pupils of Schools by the Teachers

The Christmas entertainment and cantata given the pupils of the Centennial Methodist Sunday school by the teachers and officers of the school took place last evening. The attendance was a large one and the affair proved most pleasing.

The cantata was entitled "The Glorious Morn of Old" and the pupils of the school all took part in it. The soloists were Miss Deaville and Miss Palmer. A quartette of the two ladies mentioned together with J. T. Deaville and W. A. Deaville rendered "In Excelsis Deo" in excellent style.

Recitations were given by Otto Huff, May Roberts, Annie Tibbets, and Nellie Rogers, while an address of welcome was delivered by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson. W. C. Holt, superintendent of the school presided and Miss Beck was the pianist. A piano solo was given by Miss Vera Adams.

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This is a simple home recipe now being made known in all the larger cities through the newspapers. It is intended to check the many cases of rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles which have made so many cripples and invalids and weakenings of some of our brightest and strongest people.

The drugists here have been notified to supply themselves with the ingredients, and the sufferer will have no trouble to obtain them. The prescription is as follows: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; and Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle. The dose is one teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

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RESERVE LANDS WHICH REVERT TO PROVINCE

Action a Sweeping One—License Lands Lapsing Affected by Special Order

"Notice is hereby given that, from and after the date hereof, all lands in the province of British Columbia not lawfully held by pre-emption, purchase, lease or crown grant, are reserved from alienation under the Land act, by way of timber license."

Such is the short announcement in the current issue of the British Columbia Gazette which has placed all unstacked lands under reserve.

A number of other notices corollary to it also appear. One of these provides for a reserve being placed on any lands now used as Indian reserves at such time as they revert to the province.

The notice reads as follows: "Notice is hereby given that whenever any Indian reserve, or portion of an Indian reserve, in the province of British Columbia, shall be surrendered, lease, granted or transferred, so that the reversionary interest of the province in such reserve, or portion thereof, becomes vested, such Indian reserve or portion thereof shall forthwith be reserved from pre-emption, sale, license or other alienation under the Land act, or Mineral act."

Yet another states explicitly that whenever a license or lease is terminated a reserve is placed upon the lands covered. The notices read as follows: "Notice is hereby given that whenever any timber license or lease, or portion thereof, in the province of British Columbia, shall be surrendered, cancelled, or in any other way terminated, such timber license or lease or portion thereof, shall forthwith be reserved from pre-emption, sale, or other alienation under the Land act."

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THE EXHIBITION BUILDING.

It seems unfortunate that the Exhibition Building should have been destroyed just at the time when everything looked promising for the success of the annual fair. Just what the actual loss has been cannot be very well stated, because the building was not well suited for its object. A structure that would serve just as well for exhibition purposes could be erected for much less money than the old one cost or could be replaced for. Or to put the matter another way, the insurance is sufficient to put up a building that will afford just as great conveniences to exhibitors as that which has been burned. Therefore there is no good reason why the fire should interrupt the work of the Agricultural Association. But we do not think the people of Victoria will be content with a new building such as the insurance money will pay for. They will want something better than the old one, and we venture to suggest that no time should be lost in deciding upon what is needed and in putting it up. If it were not that it is, in our humble judgment, desirable to have the race track and the Exhibition grounds adjacent to each other, we would feel disposed to favor the erection of the new building within the city limits, say in the field purchased by the city from the Finlayson estate, but such a plan is hardly feasible, for the reason stated and some others. An exhibition nearer the centre of the city than the old one would undoubtedly be a much greater source of revenue than one on the old site, yet the experience of most places is that all the attractions must be kept together, if an exhibition is to be a financial success. Hence we do not suppose there will be any serious suggestion against building on the old site, and we only refer to the matter because a few years ago there was a very general opinion among the citizens that the building ought never to have been erected so far out of town.

THE TERCENTENARY

Earl Grey's proposal for the celebration of the Tercentenary of the founding of Canada, so far as it has been developed, is to take the form of a dedication of the battle fields of Ste. Foy and the Plains of Abraham. He proposes also that the gaid and Ross rifle factory, which now occupy these historic sites shall be removed, that a fire proof museum shall be erected in which shall be stored historical mementoes of Canada's past, that a national park shall be established, and a seven-mile driveway shall be laid out by way of the Plains, down as far as Wolf's Cove and around the plateau overlooking the St. Charles valley. In addition to these things, he wishes to have a colossal statue of the Angel of Welcome erected on the heights near the Citadel, where it can be seen by all the ships sailing up the St. Lawrence. The proposed arrangements are in the land of 'The Canadian Battlefields Association, of which Earl Grey is patron. His Majesty has given his hearty approval of the proposed work and has contributed 100 guineas to the fund. An effort will be made to raise money in all parts of Canada by popular subscription.

We have already expressed our sympathy with the general idea of commemorating the founding of Canada, and while the suggested plan is lacking somewhat in national scope, it would be exceedingly difficult to suggest anything that would be more suitable to such an occasion. If it is not commemorative of Canadian progress, it will be at least an evidence of Canadian unity. There is an aspect of the case which is worthy of mention, namely that such a celebration would serve to concentrate the attention of the people of Canada upon an important epoch in the history of their country. It can be truthfully said that it will be difficult to arouse much enthusiasm in this province over His Excellency's proposal, a very small proportion only of whose people know much about Quebec or appreciate what a part the victory of Wolf played in the making of the Empire. This is regrettable, and anything that will beget a livelier interest in the history of our own country, and will promote the development of national sentiment deserves encouragement. We hope that the proposal will commend itself favorably to the people, so that the enterprise shall not fall short of complete realization for lack of funds.

TRY THE EASIER WAY.

We take the following extract from the Ottawa Free Press which is generally understood to be the home organ of the Laurier government.

Much as we may desire to build up trade with Japan and the rest of the Orient, we must take care lest in doing so we imperil the national future of our country. We are not building

for today alone. There are years ahead of us; there are generations yet unborn for whom we are now legislating, and the Free Press is of opinion that whatever may be the result of the mission of Hon. Mr. Lacombe, it would be good policy on the part of Canada to either ask that Japan shall agree to the re-drafting of the treaty so as to coincide with her treaty with the United States, or that the existing treaty shall be abrogated until Japan is willing to give us the terms which we require.

This seems to indicate that our friends in the East are beginning to appreciate the real nature of the Oriental problem as it affects Canada. But why does our Ottawa contemporary think it necessary to take such a roundabout way of reaching the desired goal? Why ask Japan to consent to anything? This is a self-governing country, and it has a perfect right to say who may and who may not enter the Dominion, no matter whether they are the subjects of His Britannic Majesty, of the Emperor of Japan or of the Aekwand of Swat. The measure, which the British Columbia legislature has passed over and over again, and the political friends of the Free Press have as frequently killed, would, if enacted by the Parliament of Canada, fully meet all the necessities of the case, and Japan could not take exception to it. If she did, it would only be necessary to stand firm and she would yield. We decline to believe that the Anglo-Japanese alliance is not as much to the advantage of the Oriental power as it is to the British Empire, but if it is not, if it should appear that it is impossible to maintain the existing commercial arrangements with Japan without sacrificing our right to protect ourselves from undesirable immigration, then we should without hesitation denounce the treaty, so far as Canada is concerned. But let us try the easier way first. Japan professes to be very willing to restrict the immigration of her people to Canada. If this is an honest profession, and we should be sorry to suggest that it is not, she cannot take offence at a measure directed against no nation in particular but only against immigrants of a certain class. We would like to have the Free Press explain its objects to such legislation if it has any.

LOSING THEIR HEADS.

The commander of the United States troops at Fort Lawton, near Seattle, has been telling an interviewer that 150,000 infantrymen are needed to protect the Puget Sound country against Japan. Our neighbors seem to be losing their heads. As far as any one can see there is no conceivable reason why Japan should want to invade the United States. What would happen in the event of sudden hostilities, between the two countries may not be very certain. There is a possibility that, if war should come about within a year or two, our neighbors would get the worst of it at the start, but no sane man supposes that Japan could worst the United States in a series of campaigns. For the former to invade the latter would be rank madness, and would be the first step in the rapid extinction of the Japanese Empire. Her strength is only great while she confines it to Asia, for she is not populous enough or rich enough to undertake to conquer a country with more than double her population and many times her wealth. It would undoubtedly be an easy matter for a Japanese force to land at one of several points upon the Pacific seaboard of the United States, and a flying column might be able to do a great deal of damage, but, while such a step would be a brilliant stroke, it would so incense the people of that nation that they would never consent to the negotiations of peace until they had wiped out the insult by the extinction of Japan.

The astounding thing in all the war talk that we hear nowadays is that it is confined very largely to military and naval circles. Every man in either branch of the service seems to be afflicted with a wild desire to talk. It would be very amusing if it were not very dangerous. The way to bring about war is to keep on talking about it.

Victoria will join with Vancouver in any protest against the withdrawal of the subsidy to the Australian steamships.

The Times wants the public to give the City Council credit for what they have done to improve our streets. That is what is hurting the Mayor and Aldermen. They are getting the credit.

Great regret will be felt in Victoria at the death of Lady Beaumont, wife of Sir Lewis Beaumont, who at one time commanded the fleet on this station. Lady Beaumont shared with her husband in the esteem of the people of Victoria. She was of a disposition that attracted every one to her, and although while she was with us her health never was good, she was able to win great popularity by her whole-souled hospitality.

The "hold-up" man usually plays hard luck when he ventures to ply his nefarious calling in this city. Usually the police get him, and when this doesn't happen, his intended victim either gives him a good pummeling or gets safely out of his clutches. The experience of the employee of the B. C. Electric Railway company on Thursday evening varied from the few previous incidents of the kind in this city. He is, however, to be complimented for having apparently acted with admirable presence of mind.

Thus far, the winter has proved one of the mildest in Canada in recent years, reports from Ontario and Quebec, and even from the Maritime Provinces, being to the effect that "the oldest inhabitant" finds it difficult to cite a parallel case. This absence of severe weather conditions is specially opportune, as there are considerable numbers of people in distress in the large cities of eastern Canada who would otherwise, perhaps, experience great suffering.

The Canadian Almanac and the Parliamentary Guide give the majority of Arch. Campbell, Liberal, in Centre York in 1904 as 124, and they are usually accepted as reliable authorities. But even if they are wrong, and the majority was only 80, the reduction from that figure to 23 for Dr. McLean in the bye-election is somewhat significant. Taken in connection with the London and Colchester results, the Centre York figures are not calculated to afford the Laurier government any comfort.

There is a news factory at Winnipeg which works overtime. More caucuses emanate from the Prairie Metropolis than from all the rest of the country. The once famed "Ottawa liar" is completely distanced by his successor. The latest yarn to be sent out on its journey is that Mr. Nosse, Japanese consul, is leaving Canada in a rage because of a breach of faith on the part of the Dominion government. Mr. Nosse emphatically denies it, and those of us, who know Mr. Nosse, will accept his word, and will also concede that if he felt that way, he is much too good a diplomat to let any one know it.

It is of extreme interest and decidedly gratifying to be told by so competent an observer of the situation as Mr. C. E. E. Ussher, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R., that conditions generally throughout the west are much better than one is led to believe by the alarmist reports which have been in circulation for some time. Especially pleasing, also, is Mr. Ussher's statement to the effect that he expects to see a very heavy tourist travel to Victoria and the coast. The views held by this gentleman are valuable as corroborative of the opinions frequently advanced by those who have the most absolute confidence in the future of this city.

The incident of the departure of the United States naval fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific is not without its amusing features. It has furnished an inexhaustible theme for the space-writers on the "yellow" press, and the manner in which they are taking advantage of their opportunities is a lasting monument to their ingenuity and powers of imagination. The most extravagant expressions are used to portray the most trivial incidents connected with the voyage of the fleet, which is, of course, described as nothing less than "the most marvellous naval manoeuvre in all history." If a couple of tiny gunboats go on a short jaunt in any direction, the movement is described as that of a "special service squadron." It is all very funny.

The population of Canada at the present time is probably not far short of seven and a half millions. In 1901 it was 5,375,000 since which time over a million immigrants have come into the country, and the emigration has been very small. The average increase of population, in a country from which there is no large emigration and where conditions are prosperous and therefore conducive to the raising of large families, is about three per cent a year, that is the excess of births over deaths amounts to about that percentage of the population. Upon this basis, we have about 7,500,000 people now resident in the Dominion or we had a few months ago. If the rate of increase keeps up we ought to have nearly nine millions of people in Canada in 1911.

In a Winnipeg dispatch of yesterday we had some figures on immigration which are decidedly interesting and encouraging. Returns are given for the last seven years, and they show, from 1901, when the number was 49,000, a constantly increasing tide of immigration up to the present time, the figures for which are 280,000. Figures are given showing the proportion of English-speaking people among the newcomers, and they are very gratifying to all Canadians, as they demonstrate in the most thorough fashion that there is not the slightest ground for the fear expressed in some quarters that there was danger of a foreign element becoming a dominant factor in the population of the western provinces. Thus, we see that, whereas in 1906 the total number of immigrants was 216,000, the proportion of those classed as English-speaking was no less than 164,000; and for this year the English-speaking arrivals were 210,000, out of a total of 280,000.

The government of New Zealand is just now engaged in one of the most extraordinary experiments on record—no less than to fix the maximum price of commodities. Canadian Trade Commissioner Larke explains that if prices reach a point judged improper by the court of arbitration, the government may abolish the protective duties on the products in question. The government may also after an interval of three months reimpose the duties. The whole world will await the result of this innovation with an extreme interest. Most of us have been taught to believe that the law of supply and demand worked with exactitude in fixing, under normal

conditions, the prices of commodities—and it may be that the efforts of the New Zealand government are to be directed towards ensuring that normal conditions shall always prevail. It may be remarked in passing, however, that the London Times, commenting on this new departure, declares that the government of New Zealand is politically insane.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Mr. Pugsley's Attitude.

Try how they would the Opposition members at Ottawa could not induce Mr. Pugsley to come out like a man and make the charges of corruption at which he has been hitting. Punch once defeated Mr. Pugsley's attitude. The outraged wife, however, in hand, demanded that the offending husband come out from under the bed and receive his punishment. But it was in vain that she called to her mate, "I'll assure my mate," said he, "he staying here." And Mr. Pugsley asserted his manhood by remaining mum.—Mail and Empire.

Mr. Tarte.

Since confederation there have been, we think, but two French Canadians in our public life who have commanded a greater interest than Mr. Tarte in his prime with the people of this country at large—namely, Cartier and Laurier. Sir Hector Langevin was a conspicuous figure continuously for a great many years, but we doubt if at his strongest he had quite the weight of attention which Mr. Tarte got during most of the comparative briefness of his prominence. And the Journal's conviction is that Mr. Tarte, though his faults as a politician and more as a public speaker, were many and serious, was a great Canadian, an influence far more for public good than evil, one who did some splendid service to his country, and would have done more had health remained; that he was personally an utterly honest and unselfish man; that his name should stand high in honor in this country's history.—Ottawa Journal.

The Exclusion Debate

For an independent labor candidate, Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P. for Nanaimo, is extremely careful of the feelings of the government in dealing with the Japanese question. In supporting his condemnatory resolution before the house he had not a word to say in condemnation of the negligence which failed to prevent Japan from securing the treaty of understanding and shipping Japanese wholesale into British Columbia, or how the government neglected the protests and complaints from that province until the people there were reduced to poverty and mob law. Not a word about all this from Mr. Smith, but on the contrary a great deal of herring-drawing across the trail in the shape of praise for the handling of the Chinese question in years gone by on the lines of the policy inherited from the Conservative government, and attacks on the companies and the advantage of the influx of Japanese labor.

The honorable member for Vancouver of the bloodcurdling threats about Boston tea parties, would not have been recognized when he rose to apologize for the government rather than to state it for the same negligence which had made the rioting in his own city possible. Mr. R. G. Macpherson had voted with the government when the original treaty arrangement was put through. Later on when the agreement was being ignored and the Japanese arriving by the shiploads nothing was heard from Mr. Macpherson on the subject until coincident with the breaking out of rioting last fall he burst upon the scene at Ottawa and exploded a line of talk which the government had been keeping in silence on the Japanese question. Some months before, he and Mr. Gallagher, M.P., had been east to protest against the so-called Hindus, ex-British, native soldiers from India, being admitted, but if at that time he had any warning for the government that Japan was basely deceiving it, the government would not have it. Now, Mr. Macpherson's attitude is distinctly apologetic so far as he himself is concerned because he voted with the government. Mr. Kennedy, M.P. for New Westminster, was the only British Columbia member who warned the government when the arrangement went through last session. The real kernel of the matter is being settled by the Liberal gentlemen from British Columbia. If Japan was proving faithless to her agreement, and Mr. Nosse was not to be relied upon, the government would have to import Japanese by the shipload, why did not these members in British Columbia make such representations to the government when they had these importations stopped? And if they did make such representations privately why did not the Dominion government act?—Ottawa Citizen.

The Plains of Abraham.

Byron thought it well that in his day the battlefield of Waterloo bore no memorial of the tragic event which made it celebrated. It is his memory as all who know him will testify, in the spirit of commemorating a battle so much as to glory in the healing of ancient quarrels that His Excellency Lord Grey, and those associated with him, have undertaken to rescue from desecration by jail and factory the battlefields of Quebec, where both champions met what soldiers account a glorious day. The memorial to be erected on the site of the noblest site in Canada will be greatly encouraged to look forward to a very general and generous subscription by the help of His Majesty the King, the Princess Louise, the Earl of Aberdeen, the Bishop of London, the Earl of Rosebery, the Daily Telegraph, Miss Markham and Lord Westminster, who have each made generous subscriptions to His Excellency. Those who can subscribe now, whether in a large or small way, should do so promptly, remembering that the success of the movement greatly depends on an enthusiastic beginning. Those in each locality and in each walk of life who contribute first, however little, become a very true source of leaders in the movement—and the movement is certainly one with which every loyal Canadian will want to be connected. His Excellency is the one who could have planned so large a scheme as the preservation and beautifying of these national battlefields, at the cost of a round million dollars, with any hope of saving it carried to a successful issue. But under his distinguished patronage and leadership the movement will, it is to be hoped, be general throughout Canada and among all classes of the community, and giving something of an expression of love for his country, gratitude for its British liberties, and appreciation of the splendid men on both sides who fought and died, and made history three hundred years ago. Apart from these considerations, everyone who is interested in the history of Canada will be glad to see the memorial spots kept as parks for all time.

The school children, with their history well conned, will take a peculiar interest in this anniversary, and each contributing his mite, would in the aggregate do even more than His Majesty to bring the enterprise to a successful issue. Their gifts would stimulate as nothing else the larger grants from the rich, from the merchants, from the farmers. The school children, besides their own gifts, might be organized into a Dominion wide collecting agency, through which a very large sum might be raised for the use of plaque subscription cards. Subscribers to the Witness will certainly do their share, and any subscriptions sent through us will be duly acknowledged in these columns, in which case they should be distinctly designated for the King Edward Park Fund.—Montreal Witness.

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BRITISH OPINION

The Fort Steele Prospector excites our envy. It is able to dispose of all the difficulties attached to a consideration of the problem of Japanese immigration in a moment, and in a brief paragraph pronounce a judgment which we assume it offers to the world as "final and unalterable." It says:

What has caused the enormous growth and continued prosperity of Canada? Echo answers, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. We invited Jap immigration to Canada? Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Who in silence stands at the back of Sir Wilfrid Laurier? The Big Seven of British Columbia.

Among the many whose lives have been transformed by the motor-car, there are none who have reason to blush at the horse-drawn carriage, so fervently as the horse-drawn carriage. As we have seen, says M. A. P., our royal couple actually spent their honeymoon in motoring, and immediately after their tragic wedding day King Alfonso and Queen Victoria Eugenie made a point of spending each day long hours in the Spanish Sovereign's favorite car, the world forgetting, if by no means by the world forgot,

"Yes, he had some rare trouble with his eyes," said the celebrated oculist. "Every time he started to read he would read double." "Poor fellow," remarked the sympathetic person, "I suppose that interfered with his holding a good position?" Not at all. The gas company gobbled him up and gave him a lucrative job reading gas meters."—Chicago Daily News.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

In Defense of Hindus.

I hear from the people of Victoria that it is the only and funny reason that Mayor Morley has joined with the Asiatic Exclusion League is that he is coming near to losing his seat and he wants to get rid of the laboring class of people and thus to please them. He is endeavoring to deport poor Hindus who are admitted in the above meeting he must remember that these Sikh who have saved the lives of the English in mutiny of 1857 in India at the sacrifice of their own lives. They have served in the British army in Malakand, Chitral, Afghanistan, and Wano, etc., Burma, Malaya States, Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Siamland and South Africa, and wherever they were wanted by the British in the wars of peace and war operations. They have sacrificed their own lives for the sake of the British empire and I now they are here to work among laborers—as they cannot make money at home, but they are here to be exploited but I could ask my friend Mayor Morley to read remarks about Indians by Lord Roberts, the present Indian field marshal of the British army in this war of forty-one years in India, and then say anything about Indians.

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that, at once as Christian and as Bampton lecturer, he is bound to probe the causes of this failure both in the individual soul and in the social organism. He is bound to point out to men by frankly admitting the existence of intellectual difficulties. He acknowledges "the mistake of making theology the central point of the Christian's life regarding it as the study of religion, much as if one would declare biology identical with life." He hopes the man of letters will "though not irreverent, and no one should lightly accuse him of irreverence; but it does in all fairness require a little fuller discussion of the relation of the study of Revelation involves as between Theology and Science. We can follow him more easily when he adds the ritual difficulty of the Catholic and stresses the danger that lurks in "any teaching which in mistaken reverence ascribes absolute value to ceremonial acts." But he does not save his categorical statement of our comfort that all would be well if we could commend Christianity to the superior intellect or adapt ritual to a multitude of tastes. That practicality means anything means that

standing, thus far, outside the Church's pastoral or parochial life. Mr. Peile suggests quite truly that what is needed is a more organized system of spiritual direction, in which the clergyman more even than the layman shares the British prejudice against the "Confessional." It is when he passes to questions of political and social economy that he is more convincing, and in answer to the objection that he is discussing matters with which he is not familiar. But it is just because as Bampton lecturer he has the courage to adventure upon such topics that his book arouses and consistently keeps the interest of readers who have often found themselves nodding over some previous volume of the same series.

—C. P. R.

Another C.P.R. Change.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Grant Hall, assistant superintendent of motive power for the Canadian Pacific, will assume a much more important position at the beginning of the new year. The position formerly held by William Cross as assistant to the second vice-president, will be abolished, and the duties discharged by him will be assumed by Mr. Hall as superintendent of motive power. Mr. Hall has had a long and successful career in the service, will retire, and with his family will make an extended tour through Europe.

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EXHIBITION BOARD TO DISCUSS REBUILDING
Meeting Will Be Held to Decide on Action to Be Taken
Immediate action will be taken by the British Columbia Agricultural association in regard to rebuilding at the fair grounds and a special meeting of the association has been called for next Friday evening at the city hall at 8 o'clock. Mr. Dallas Heineken, K. C., who is a member of the board, yesterday took the initiative in the matter and arranged with Mayor Morley for the meeting next week. At this meeting the report to be presented by the city assessor at the regular meeting of the city council on the cost of erecting suitable buildings to replace the burned structures will be presented.
The association will then be in a position to deal intelligently with the situation. Suggestions for the new buildings will be considered and plans for rebuilding will be decided upon which will be offered to the city council for its guidance.

NEWS OF THE CITY
Christmas Entertainment.
The annual Christmas entertainment of the First Presbyterian church will be held on Monday evening in the schoolroom of the church.
Presentation to Teacher.
The piano pupils of G. Jennings Burnett, residing in the James Bay district, presented their teacher with a handsome cut glass bowl as a token of their appreciation of his services.
Mr. Clay Will Speak.
The Central Men's Baraca Bible class will be addressed by Rev. W. Leslie Clay on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 in No. 1 hall A. O. U. W. building. Men are heartily invited.

Takes First Honors.
Word has been received by Mrs. McKay, 32 Rae street, this city, that her son John H. McKay has successfully passed the dental board examination recently held at San Francisco. Mr. McKay headed the list.
Remanded Until Monday.
John E. Hainsworth who had pleaded guilty to having obtained money by false pretences by passing worthless checks, was remanded yesterday till Monday when sentence will be passed upon him.
Wilson-Jackson.
On Christmas Day, at the residence of the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the marriage was solemnized of Agnes Mary Jackson, of this city, and Thomas Wilson, formerly of London, Ont., but now of Portland, Ore. Miss Clara Steenson acted as bridesmaid, while Jesse B. Evans supported the groom.

Gifts for Bandsmen.
The Salvation Army band, which on Christmas morning paraded through a large portion of the residential district playing Christmas carols, received liberal recognition by those to whom they played. Liberal contributions were given the musicians, which will go to the band fund. The bandsmen greatly appreciate the kindness of their friends on this occasion.
Will Tell of Army Work.
Adjutant Wakefield, of Vancouver, the Salvation Army immigration agent for British Columbia, will arrive in the city tonight and will hold a special service at the Army headquarters, Broad street, tonight at 8 o'clock, and also tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon and evening at 3 o'clock and 7 o'clock. On Monday evening he will hold a immigration meeting to which all are cordially invited.
Helped Army's Good Work.
Many Victoria residents contributed liberally towards the work of the Salvation Army on Christmas. By reason of the bountiful contributions the officers of the Army were enabled to help many a richly deserving case which might otherwise have gone unaided. Captain Travis wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the people of Victoria who contributed to this worthy work.

St. Columba Entertainment.
The annual Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree for the Sunday school scholars of St. Columba church was held last evening in the church and proved a success. There was a large attendance of scholars and parents and the evening was most enjoyable in the history of the church. Rev. Mr. McCoy, pastor of the church presided and addressed the children. The gifts from the prettily decorated Christmas tree brought delight to all the scholars who did not fail to do justice to the great quantity of good things provided.

Missionary Meeting.
The Sunday afternoon men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. will take the form of a missionary platform meeting. The speakers will be Prof. Burwash, Rev. E. LeRoy Dakin and General Secretary A. J. Brace. The report of the department having charge of missions at the recent convention in Washington will be given by Mr. Brace and the addresses will be but of ten minutes' duration. This is the last meeting which Mr. Dakin will attend in this city before he leaves for Chicago university to take an additional three years' course. At the completion of this he will leave for the foreign mission fields at once.
Nanaimo Boy's Success.
News has been received by the provincial mineralogist, W. F. Robertson from Montreal that W. A. Dick, a student in the faculty of science, McGill university has been awarded the second prize in the annual competition for student members of the Canadian Mining Institute. Mr. Dick is a son of Mr. Dick, Inspector of coal mines at Nanaimo, and his success is highly creditable. The subject of his thesis was the Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic company, Bullion, B. C. Mr. Dick was educated at the Nanaimo High school and has since his matriculation put himself through college. He is now in his final year at McGill. The judges making the awards were F. Hobart, editor of the American Mining Journal and T. O. Goling.

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E. A. James, late manager of the Canadian Northern, who has been in Victoria for the past two months, has left for Winnipeg. His health has been much improved by his stay here, and it is expected that he soon will be in harness again. There is a rumor in railway circles that Mr. James is slated for an important position on the western section of the Canadian railway commission, which is to be created with headquarters in Winnipeg. It is stated that if he is selected as a member of this branch of commission he will be made chairman.

PROF. BURWASH TO SPEAK
Will Deliver Address on "Egypt, the Land of the Sphinx" at Y. M. C. A. Tonight
The regular Saturday evening lecture at the Y.M.C.A. in aid of the building fund will be delivered by Prof. Burwash, of Columbian college, New Westminster. The subject will be "Egypt the Land of the Sphinx." The lecture will be illustrated with fifty views shown by Shaw Brothers with their lantern. Prof. Burwash has made a special study of Egyptology. He is closely connected with Prof. Petrie, of the Egypt Exploration society, and with Prof. Curdell, of Toronto university, a continental authority upon the subject.

VICTORIA WEST CANTATA
Pupils of Methodist Church Sunday School Provide a Good Entertainment
The annual Christmas tree celebration and cantata by the children of the Victoria West Methodist church was held last evening in the schoolhouse, and despite the inclement weather there was a large attendance. The cantata was very well done, the chorus being particularly fine. The musical programme was excellent. Mariel Douie and Norma Ramlose sang a duet, "As in a Dream." Gordon Mitchell, as Larry, gave "Beautiful Christmas Time," while a number of little boys as brownies caught the fancy of the audience. The large boys represented spies, while Miss Montell's class of girls were dressed as snow fairies. A duet and chorus, "Good Old Father Snow," was a feature. Willie Mitchell delivered a newsboy recitation; Harry Popham and Gladys Ramlose, as "Little Boy Blue" and "Red Riding Hood," did very well. The most taking thing of the entire evening was the "Dolly Song" by Irene Armstrong, Ella Evans and Roxie Donnelly. George Okell took the part of "Santa Claus." At the close the presents were distributed. The children brought envelopes with free will offerings for missions. Miss Cassie Montell acted as accompanist.

OBITUARY NOTICES
The funeral of the late Robert Reid will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Hanna's undertaking parlors to Oddfellows' hall where the services will be held. The Oddfellows of the city will take charge of the funeral.
The funeral of the late Minnie Meller Garnham took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, corner of Toronto and Government streets at 1:30 o'clock and from St. Barnabas church at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. G. Miller officiated. The following were the pallbearers: Gerald Miller, Albert Rutherford, James Watson, Albert Mutow, George Morris and Leonard Pusey.

THE WEATHER
Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 5 p. m., December 27, 1907.
SYNOPSIS.
The high area on the California coast has moved inland and there is a general giving way to pressure on the northward. Light to moderate rain has fallen on Vancouver Island, the lower mainland and in western Washington. In the prairie provinces a moderate high area is developing in Manitoba; light snow has fallen at Swift Current and a read wave continues at nearly all stations.

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LEAP YEAR BRINGS USUAL BLESSINGS

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Leap year with all the privileges which follow in its train will be ushered in by the approaching New Year's Day.

The effort to make the civil and the solar year more nearly approximate has been the worry of rulers for thousands of years. While the Gregorian calendar was adopted in the 18th century by Great Britain, it had been in existence since the middle of the 16th century, when the great pope, Gregory XIII, adopted the system, the author of which was Luigi Lilio Ghiraldi, a learned astronomer and physician of Naples. The Gregorian calendar was an improvement upon the Augustan which in turn was a doubtful improvement upon that which was originated by Julius Caesar upon the advice of Sosigenes, a famous scientist of Alexandria.

The Julian calendar gave January, March, May, July, September and November each 31 days. The other months were to have 30 with the exception of February, which in common years should have only 29, but in leap year 30 days. To gratify the vanity of Augustus on his ascension the month named after him was given one of the days belonging to February, September and November were reduced to 30 in order that three months of 31 days should not come together and the additional days given to October and December. By this arrangement the mean length of the year is fixed at 365 1/4 days, every three years the length being 365, while the fourth year it was 366.

By this arrangement the year is placed too long by 11 minutes and 14 seconds, and in three hundred years this would amount to a day. The Gregorian calendar abolished ten days and directed that to rectify the error in the Julian computation, while every year divisible by four should be a leap year that this should not hold good in the case of centennial years, which are only leap years when they are divisible by four after omitting the two eiphers. For this reason 1900 was not a leap year.

All of which, while it may be necessary to reconcile the civil and solar years does nothing whatever to explain why probably the section within which is numbered probably the larger number of the human race should during this one year in four enjoy more privileges than it does at other times. Any request made by a lady is supposed to be granted.

Well, it all arose through the devotion of Numa Pompilius for the nymph Egeria. Numa, the second of the Roman kings, was a peaceful monarch and quite unlike his fierce predecessor. His only vice was an unworldly devotion to certain arts of peace and he tampered unduly with the calendar, giving it instead of one leap year in every four with which moderns have to be satisfied, a leap month every other one.

The old motto of "Cherchez la femme" held good in those bad old days as well as in more modern ones and so the courtiers as the best way to locate the lady, watched King Numa. Numa was walking near the Tiber when from a grotto handily located, a very beautiful nymph emerged and soon with Numa was chatting on familiar terms.

The secret was out. Numa had been shining with a reflected light. The nymph Egeria had instructed the monarch in the devious ways of the calendar and it was whispered quite openly at court had insisted on a leap year will upon him during the intercalary months. Now, instead of one month in two, the members of the sex have to be satisfied with one year in four. That of course is providing they do not succeed in effecting another change in the calendar. Which, confirmed bachelors will pray, may the gods forbend.

REPORT IS DELAYED

Insurance Expert Confined to Hospital—Has Obtained Necessary Data

The report which Robert Howe, municipal engineer of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' association, is making on the city's fire fighting abilities, has not yet reached the hands of the city. Mr. Howe, who has been in the city for the past month, and has made exhaustive tests of the fire brigade and water system, at present is confined to the Jubilee hospital suffering from the effects of a severe cold. His report will be made to the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' association and will by the latter body be submitted to the city as an answer to the inquiry for the reason why the recent advance of 30 per cent was made in the rates in the business portion of the city. It was to obtain the necessary data that Mr. Howe was requested by the Island board to come to Victoria and report.

INSURED TO ABOUT HALF OF TOTAL LOSS

Nearly All of the Local Insurance Companies Are Interested

With the loss on the exhibition buildings ranging from \$20,000 to \$25,000, the city will receive in insurance probably little more than \$10,000. The total amount of insurance in force was \$12,000. Of this amount \$2,500 was insurance on the cattle sheds, which were only partially destroyed so that the amount received by the city in insurance will be but a portion of the insurance carried upon the sheds. The various companies interested with the amounts carried upon the buildings are as follows:

British America	\$1,600
Liverpool, London & Globe	2,200
Western Fire	500
Queen	500
Scottish Union & National	2,000
Hartford	2,500
Anglo-American	1,500
London Assurance	1,000
Atlas	750

Total \$12,000

The insurance was distributed as follows: On the main building, \$8,000; on the poultry house, \$1,000; on Machinery hall, \$500; on the sheds, \$2,500. At the coming meeting of the city council a report prepared by the city assessor will be submitted showing the financial loss sustained by the city. The assessor will visit the fair grounds today to ascertain just what damage has been done to the sheds. The other buildings have been totally destroyed.

While the old main building was considered a credit from an architectural standpoint, it has always been more or less of a white elephant by reason of the expense for repairs. It is yet too early to say what design will be determined upon for a new building, but it is probable that it will call for a building to be of more utility if not as imposing in appearance. As yet it has not been ascertained what was the cause of the fire whether it was of incendiary origin or not.

Among the articles destroyed in the fire at the exhibition buildings on Thursday night, were the merry-go-round, which has been operated in the city for some time, and which was stored in the machinery building; and a valuable stand for exhibiting purposes, the latter the property of W. H. Price, who had left it in the main building. The ton launch being built by W. H. McIntosh, caretaker of the Old Men's home, was safely rescued from the machinery building which was the last of the buildings to catch fire.

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HAMILTON, ONT. WINNIPEG, MAN.

of bail. At present his bail is fixed at two sureties in one thousand dollars each, which he is unable to furnish as he is a stranger here. Mr. Alkman wanted a \$250 cash bail, which would represent nearly half his available cash capital. Loschiavo is at present detained in the city jail with his two little girls, whom he is accused of having gotten away from Australia by a trick. Taking up a suggestion of Mr. Moresby's, who is conducting the prosecution, Mr. Alkman offered that the children be placed in the convent if his client were awarded the bail asked, it being generally conceded that the possession of the children is the real bone of contention.

After a conference with the chief of police, however, the magistrate said he did not think that any substantial reason had been adduced why he should change his original decision.

It is understood that the police view of the matter is that Loschiavo has already evinced a desire and a capacity to evade the law, and that were

he released on a small bail, he could very easily get one of the local beach combers to take him across to the States in a sail boat, when he would never be heard of again. In the meantime, the children are having a good time, a number of charitable ladies having taken compassion on the young girls.

Drawing for Orphanage.

C. H. Wilson, corner of Fernside and Cook streets, has arranged a drawing for two English settlers ten months old which are valued at \$50. The tickets are on sale at the Hub cigar store. The entire proceeds will be given to the Protestant Orphanage.

Lutheran Services.

Every church in Victoria has celebrated Christmas, and the German will celebrate next Sunday morning in their own language and in the evening will celebrate with their friends in English. All Lutheran Islanders and Scandinavians are welcome.

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MAKE STALE BREAD FRESH

Fannie Merritt Farmer, the distinguished writer on cooking, gives some unique ways of utilizing stale bread in the Christmas Woman's Home Companion. For instance, she says:

"Small remnants of bread from which crumbs have not been removed, together with crusts of bread, may be dried in the oven, rolled, sifted, and stored in a glass jar for subsequent use. These so-called bread crumbs are needed for crumbling croquettes, cutlets, fish, meat, etc.

"Croutons, sometimes called Duchess Crusts, are always in good form with cream soups and afford an excellent way for using stale bread. Cut stale bread in one-third inch slices and remove the crusts. Spread thinly with butter. Cut slices in one-third inch cubes, put in a shallow pan and bake until delicately brown, stirring occasionally and watching, that the crumbs may be brown evenly.

"If you are tired of cube-shaped pieces, but the buttered one-third inch slices into strips, which when browned in the oven are called Imperial Stocks.

"Hyde Park brown bread is not only delicious, but furnishes an excellent means of using bits of bread. Break stale bread into small pieces; there should be one and one-half cupsful. Add two cupsful of cold water, cover and let stand over night. In the morning rub through a colander, and add three-fourths of a cupful of molasses and one and one-half cupsful of rice meal, granulated cornmeal, and Graham flour mixed and sifted with three teaspoonsful of soda, and one and one-half teaspoonsful of salt; then add one and one-fourth cupsful of cold water. Stir until well mixed, and fill one-pound baking powder tins (of course first be sure that they do not leak) two-thirds full of the mixture, cover, and let steam for two hours. Isn't this a recipe for the economist?

Besides making use of stale bread, it calls for no milk, cold water being used as a substitute.

"A chocolate bread pudding is made in this way: Soak two cupsful of stale bread crumbs in four cupsful of scalded milk thirty minutes. Mix two squares of Baker's unsweetened chocolate in a small saucepan placed over

boiling water. Add one-third of a cupful of sugar, and stir until well blended, then add enough milk to make every sort of service, such as to make of the right consistency to pour, then add to the bread and milk. Add one-third of a cupful of sugar, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt and two eggs slightly beaten. Turn into a buttered pudding dish and bake one hour in a moderate oven. Serve hot with cream sauce. Mix three-fourths of a cupful of milk, and beat until stiff, using a Dover egg beater. Add one-third of a cupful of powdered sugar, one-half teaspoonful of vanilla and a few grains of salt. If one has not cream at her command, a vanilla sauce is acceptable with a chocolate bread pudding."

A Woman's Business.

If a woman knows her business, the business of the home-maker, and knows it in its inclusive capacity of every sort of service, she has little to fear from the servant problem. This means, in the plainest sort of English, that no woman is really fit to employ servants who cannot make fires, wash dishes, cook (not one meal, but many), sweep a room, direct the laundry work if she lacks strength to do it herself, make beds, feed and bathe and dress children.

Before anything else, in the world this is a woman's legitimate business, the place she has always been expected to fill, and until unforeseen and very sweeping changes occur, always will be compelled to occupy. Whether she will do her manifest, straightforward duty in the world and bear and rear the children and make and keep the home, or whether she will hire people to attend to her children and her home while she plays bridge whist is for her to say. I like to feel that I am writing these plain-spoken articles for the newer and more hopeful generation of housewives who intend to face their problem and solve it.—Good Housekeeping.

Useless Effort

One who took part in General Sherman's march through Georgia tells of this incident: "One day we passed a large building, and perhaps a few hundred people, men and women, stood silently watching the passing column. One of the men in the front file yelled at the spectators: 'Hurrah for Abe Lincoln.' There was no response and he yelled more vehemently: 'Hurrah for Abe Lincoln, darn ye!' There remained dead silence. A soldier behind him called out: 'Oh shut up, you fool; that's a dead-and-dumb asylum.'"

Resources of Science

A Cornell professor gave a scientific lecture in a church recently, and at the lecture's end he said, bowing at the audience:

"Now, if there is any scientific question that any of my friends would like to ask, I beg them not to hesitate. I shall be only too happy to answer any enquiry in my power."

An old lady in spectacles that gave her a severe, stern look, rose and said: "Why do wet tea-leaves kill cock-
roaches?"

The scientist didn't know they did, let alone the cause of the phenomenon, but never at a loss, he replied:

"Because, madam, when a roach comes across a wet tea leaf, he says, 'Hello, here's a blanket,' and wraps himself up in it, catches cold and dies."

In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the Colonist is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communication from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

In our day it has become the fashion for thoughtless persons to lightly express their disbelief in religious doctrines. Nothing is too sacred for such persons to discuss. The apparent carelessness of such speakers often unsettles the belief of simple people who doubt their own ability to understand such questions. It may be some comfort to such persons to learn that the man who has spent his life in studying the secret of nature and who obtained the greatest mastery over her forces, did not believe that the world had been made by chance. The Toronto Mail says:

"For something he once said, rather than for anything he ever did, a great many people will remember Kelvin. At University College in London, four years ago, he declared his belief in a creative power. At once he was attacked for a supposed disloyalty to the theory of evolution, but he stoutly maintained his belief in Darwinism and at the same time his conviction in a supernatural first cause. People whose knowledge of science was only deep enough to make them religious sceptics were impressed by Lord Kelvin's statement, and no doubt it has been used thousands of times to steady and comfort lesser minds. Kelvin's position was simply that of nearly all modern scientists and philosophers of the first rank. Atheists among them are rare, indeed."

There is perhaps, nothing more remarkable than that, during the memory of people who are not yet very old, there has been a great growth in the spirit of tolerance. Forty years ago, in most part of Canada, it was hard to convince many Presbyterians that their Roman Catholic neighbors were not waiting for a chance to do them bodily injury.

Historians and Methodists engaged in bitter controversies in which each party expressed the gravest doubts of the salvation of the other. Now we have learned to respect one another's beliefs, and are very slow to suspect that the religious beliefs of any man will cause him to injure his neighbor, who professes a different creed. People in business or in public life rarely inquire into the faith of those with whom they associate most intimately. The following paragraph from an article in Ancient Churches furnishes a religious example of religious intolerance:

However, it is not always the church itself that has centuries to its credit. For instance, there is one of the stained glass windows of St. Margaret's church, at Westminster, England, a crucifix window which was only finished after a dispute that went through the highest ecclesiastical courts. It was originally made in Spain for King Henry VII, but he died before it reached England. As it bore portraits of Prince Arthur and Catherine of Aragon, it displeased Henry VIII, and was sent to Waltham Abbey, where it remained until the dissolution, when a pious friend buried it. Afterward it was dug up, sold to a Wiltshire squire for his private chapel, and later passed along to the Cromwellian General Monk, who put it in a private chapel and finally buried it, where it remained until the Puritan friends. Early in the eighteenth century it was purchased for St. Margaret's church, where it now is.

WOMEN'S WORK

A week or two ago, Earl Grey made a speech at the inauguration of the Canadian Women's club in Montreal. The Governor-General was fortunate in being able to propose an object which would call forth the efforts of the newly formed patriotic society. Next Year Canada will celebrate the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Quebec by setting apart the Plains of Abraham and the field of battle as a national park. It is not often that the memory of opposing generals is warmly cherished by the descendants of both sides to the contest. Yet all Canadians, irrespective of race or creed, honor the names of Wolfe and Montcalm. Their statues bravely adorn the site of the battle where they fell.

The course of time, however, many structures unworthy of the ground so bravely contested, both by British and French soldiers, have been allowed to be erected. One of these is a jail. It is now proposed to move these and to erect on the point of Quebec first visible to vessels the colossal statue of the angel of Peace with arms outstretched, in welcome to every homeseeker from beyond the Atlantic. It is expected that the legislature of the Dominion and of the province of Quebec will give grants towards the formation of this national project. Earl Grey asks the help of the women in making the fund large enough to accomplish its object. This is the aim he sets before the Women's Canadian club.

It is hoped that the women of Canada will all contribute, if ever so small a sum, to make this park worthy of Canada. Quebec is a long distance from Victoria, but, if appealed to, we are sure that the women of British Columbia will not be behind their sisters in other parts of Canada in contributing towards so patriotic a cause. The park is to be named after King Edward, and will be a very noble one. There are few grander sites in the world and the drive around it will be seven miles long.

It will be an honor to be connected if ever so humbly, in an undertaking so well worthy the support of Canadians of whatever creed or race.

Women Growing Taller.

Society women both in the United States and abroad undoubtedly are becoming taller with every passing generation. There are in the present decade many who are of good height, and it is noticeable that the debutantes of each succeeding year appear to have gained a little in their average stature.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brewster-White.

The home of Samuel Verge on Third street was the scene of a very happy affair on Christmas night. James A. Brewster and Miss Mary E. White of Nanaimo were united in marriage. Rev. F. T. Tapscott was the officiating clergyman. Miss Annie Brewster and Donald Brewster assisted the bride and groom with the usual kindly offices. The home was beautifully decorated in honor of the event and thronged with guests who testified by numerous suitable gifts their regards for the happy pair. After a bountiful repast the evening was spent with merriment and song. Mr. and Mrs. Brewster will reside on Hillside avenue.

On Tuesday last at St. Saviour's church the marriage of Beale Richmond, of Edgewood farm, Hopden Skipton, England, late of Kelthly, and L. M. Price, civil engineer, of the State of Wyoming, was solemnized by Rev. Mr. Cooper. The bride was given away by her uncle, William Richmond. Fred Richmond acted as best man and the Misses of Edgewood were bridesmaids. The bride was becomingly attired in white crepe de chine, wearing a bridal veil of old lace and carrying a handsome bouquet of bridal roses. The bride's sister wore a cream broadcloth suit trimmed with mink and a white ermine hat. The bridesmaids were attired in white silk, and carried large bouquets of tea roses and maidenhair fern.

After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the residence of the bride's uncle, William Richmond, Lumpson street, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of, and afterwards the happy couple left on their honeymoon trip through Southern California.

TRIED RECIPES

Black Bread For Dyspepsia.

German pumpernickel, which is a black bread of most enduring quality, says Rural New Yorker, is sometimes ordered in certain forms of dyspepsia. It is made as follows: At 6 o'clock in the evening scald a cup of milk and add to it a cup of water, two level tablespoonfuls lard, one-third cup sugar, a teaspoonful salt, and when lukewarm three cupfuls of flour and a yeast cake which has been dissolved in one-half glass of lukewarm water; let it rise till full about three hours, then stir in a tablespoonful caraway seed, and sufficient dry meal to make a dough stiff enough to knead. Let rise over night. In the morning knead again, place in well-greased pan, stand in a warm place till doubled in bulk. Bake an hour.

Doughnuts.

One cup sugar, one tablespoon butter worked into sugar, or melted lard, one egg, one cup sour milk, one teaspoon soda, dissolved in milk, or sweet milk and baking powder can be used though they do not keep as moist, grated nutmeg for seasoning, roll thin, cut with doughnut cutter, or use biscuit cutter and a thimble to cut out the middle of roll about as you would for biscuits. Fry till a nice brown, in boiling lard. Lard is of the right heat when a blue smoke arises from the kettle in which you are frying the cakes. Lard must be kept at this heat so that the cakes will not soak lard and be too greasy.

Peppermint Drops.

Boil one pound of granulated sugar and one cupful of water without stirring until a little dropped into cold water can be rolled into a very stiff ball. Take from the fire, add ten drops of essence of peppermint and stir slowly till the syrup becomes cloudy, then drop from a spoon on paraffine or buttered paper.

Lemon Drops.

Better lemon drops than any you can buy at the shop can be made at home by boiling one-half pint of lemon juice and water, equal parts, and one pound of granulated sugar. Boil until crisp when dropped into boiling water. Do not cook this in a tin or iron dish. Pour into a buttered dish, mark off into long sticks and when cold chop into convenient size.

Varieties of Suffering

"Yes," declared a suffragette, "women have been wronged for ages. They have suffered in a thousand ways."

"There is one way in which they have never been wronged, a man, looking man standing up in the rear of the hall."

"What way is that?" demanded the suffragette.

"They have never suffered in silence."

Cautious

"Bobby, asked the master of the class in arithmetic, addressing the question to one of the younger pupils, 'how many pints are there in a gallon?'"

"I've forgot it again, sir," said Bobby, who found it hard to commit to memory the tables of weights and measures.

"Bobby," said the master, "your father is a milkman, isn't he?"

"Well, now think as hard as you can. He sometimes sells a gallon can full of milk, doesn't he? Just so. Well, how many pints are there in a gallon can?"

"It's all milk, sir," indignantly exclaimed Bobby.

Husband Was Careless

"The late Mrs. McKinley," said a Canton clergyman, "was no foe to the cause of woman, but as the time drew near, she insisted on woman's observance of her household duties. She thought that they who neglected those duties, no matter for what purpose, rather fell than rose."

"Mrs. McKinley used to tell a story of a Canton lady who once said: 'My husband annoys me very much. He is so slothful. His buttons are forever coming off.'"

"Perhaps," said an old-fashioned woman, very gently, "perhaps they are not sewed on properly in the first place."

"That's just it," the other warmly agreed. "My husband is one of the most careless sewers I ever saw."

Federal legislation in Canada last year cost \$1,322,074.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

C. W. Peniston, J. T. Little, W. A. Hardy, E. M. Anderson, J. W. Bowes, H. McLean, W. H. Ker, E. L. Simpson, Capt. Tucker, P. Miller, E. P. Glick, Miss Kingston, Mrs. C. A. Reynolds, C. Burnett, D. A. Hayes and T. O. Townley left on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver this morning.

Charles Morgan, of Calgary, who has been here on a visit, leaves this morning by the Princess Royal and Northern Pacific for a visit to Los Angeles.

Mrs. M. H. Ramsay and daughter leave tomorrow by the Northern Pacific for Oakland, Cal.

W. Baylin leaves today by the North Coast Limited for New York, where he will sail for Liverpool by the Cunard Lusitania.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. White, of Nanaimo, leave tomorrow by the Princess Royal and Northern Pacific for a three months' visit in Los Angeles.

W. H. Devonport leaves by the C. P. R. this week for St. John, N. B., whence he will sail by the Empress of Britain for Liverpool, Jan. 10.

Mrs. Hutcheson and daughter will leave for several months' visit to Great Britain early in March.

R. L. Simpson and wife left by the C. P. R. for a short visit to Winnipeg.

T. O. Townley, registrar at Vancouver, returned to the mainland this morning.

Rev. E. S. Rowe returned to Vancouver this morning.

Capt. McMicking, Nanaimo, spent Christmas with his parents in this city.

Dr. L. McMillan, of Vancouver, son of ex-Ald. McMillan, spent Christmas day with his parents in this city.

J. D. Prentice, formerly minister of finance for the province, is in the city, where, with Mrs. Prentice, he will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hills Houston, of Seattle, are spending a few days in the city, the guests of Mr. Houston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Houston.

Weather Wisdom

A bright yellow sky at sunset means wind.

If the full moon rise red, expect wind.

When the sky is particularly full of stars, expect rain.

A rainbow in the morning is a sign of rain, but one in the evening indicates fine weather.

A morning fog usually clears away before noon; an afternoon fog has set in for the day.

If the cat lies with her back to the fire there will be a squall.

The twelve days immediately following Christmas are said to denote the weather for the coming year, one day for each month.

The day of the month on which the first snow storm appears is believed by some people to indicate the number of snow storms the winter will bring. For instance, if the first snow storm is on November 25, there will be twenty-nine snow storms in the winter.

Will Not Learn by Experience

"It is not easy," says the Springfield Republican, "to detect the deterrent effect upon rich American girls of the miserable conclusion of many international marriages. Madame Gould's experience seems to go for nothing. Miss Vanderbilt will have her Hungarian count and Mr. Shonts her English duke. The daughter's passion for the Duc de Chaulnes et de Picquigny is altogether too much for his paternal influence. Apparently there is nothing left save the formation by American millionaires of a protective society and an appeal to the federal government to enact a law classing unmarried foreign nobles with the immigrants who have weak lungs and sore eyes, or anarchistic opinions. In this way the dukes and the counts might be excluded from the country, and then the pupae who object to international marriages into an impecunious titled aristocracy would need simply to keep their daughters in the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Pithy Sayings

Our conscience, and God, and our own immortal souls must always have the benefit of the doubt, and never once our supposed interests, or our affections, or our appetites.—Dr. Alex. Whyte.

I believe that the free development of conviction is, upon the whole, the system most in favor both of truth and of charity.—W. E. Gladstone.

What does the character of a citizen involve? That he will deliberate about nothing as if he were detached from the community.—Epictetus.

If I have made one weary life the brighter,
If I have eased another's toil and pain,
If I have made some comrade's burden lighter—
I have not lived in vain.

—Norman Cole.

We forgot that there may be many duties, but that among them all there is a first and a last and that we must not fulfill the last before fulfilling the first, just as one must not narrow without ploughing.—Tolstoy.

Part of the very nobility of the devotion of the true workman to his work consists in the fact that a man is not daunted by finding that drudgery must be done; and no man can really succeed in any walk of life without a good deal of what is called Pluck.—Ph. Hamerton.

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HER RESIGNATION

School was dismissed and from the window the teacher watched the children go racing down the hill, then she went back to her desk, sank into the chair and buried her head in her arms.

Six years ago she had answered the advertisement of the trustees and had been accepted because the salary she asked was less than that asked by the other applicants. The first year had been a hard one. The old memories from which she had fled pursued her day and night. She told her story to no one. The gossip of the section noted her proud and mysterious. Slowly she won her way with the children until at last even the big boys obeyed her smallest wish, and the little ones clung to her as to their mothers. At the examinations the school led the country. Then there came the epidemic of diphtheria, when the school was closed for six weeks, but instead of leaving she had gone from house to house, helping, nursing and many a mother thanked heaven for the teacher. After that she held first place in the hearts of all.

But in spite of the years, and the work and the affection, she could not forget. Her heart craved for the one she had sent away. That night the trustees would meet to re-engage her for another year. She told herself she was happy and it was best to stay. If she left where could she go. Thus battling with fate she sat until the shadows began to fall and with the shadows came the tears which relieved the pent-up feelings. Between her sobs she thought she heard a step, and looking up she saw a man coming quietly up the aisle. For a moment he stood with outstretched arms, and for a moment she hesitated—then with a glad cry—surrendered forever.

That night her resignation went in, and at the end of the month there was a wedding in the little manse beyond the school.—C. C. Wylie, Quebec Presbyterian.

The Influence of a Kind Act.

Sometimes we are inclined to look upon the world as a very cold and selfish institution, in which everyone is thinking and planning for herself alone, but occasionally we see bright glimpses of better things and are encouraged to believe that there is more goodness in humanity than we are inclined to admit. An incident recently came under my notice that was exceedingly pleasing. A small messenger boy, carrying a large parcel and looking very disturbed over his inability to find a certain address, stopped a grocery wagon to ask where the street was and found it was a considerable distance off. The driver, however, a bright, whistling youth, "You just get right up here and I will take you to the house in five minutes," an invitation that was heartily accepted. This kind act did a lot of

good. It must have made the young man feel better to be of some service, it certainly was a pleasant surprise for the boy, it inspired the writer to still have faith in humanity, and well, it is to be hoped, encourage the reader to watch out for similar opportunities to do somebody a good turn.—Presbyterian.

Irish Logic

In a Glasgow car was an aged Irishman who held a pipe in his mouth. The conductor told him he could not smoke, but he paid no heed. Presently the conductor came into the car and said with a show of irritation:

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On the Waterfront

WARSHIP COMES TO ESQUIMALT

Sloop Algerine is Ordered to Join the Shearwater and Egeria Here

IS COMING FROM CHINA

Vessel Will Sail For This Coast Some Time During Next Month

H. M. S. Algerine has been ordered to Esquimalt from Hongkong to augment the British warships maintaining here by the admiralty since the withdrawal of the Esquimalt squadron following the inauguration of Sir John Fisher's policy of concentrating the effective warships of the British navy and retiring the older fighting craft. Advice was received at Esquimalt yesterday that H. M. S. Algerine, a twin-screw sloop of war of the type of the Shearwater, but larger and more efficient, has been ordered to commission at Hongkong in January with volunteers from the China squadron, and will be made ready to start across the Pacific, probably by the end of next month. The Algerine, which was used by Rear-Admiral Moore, the retiring commander of the China squadron, as a despatch vessel, has a speed of 17½ knots an hour. She is a vessel of 1,050 tons—the Shearwater's tonnage is 980 tons—and has 1,100 indicated horse power.

The complement to be carried by the Algerine will be 150 men, to be made up of volunteers chosen from those serving in the squadron stationed in Hongkong. The complement is expected to be completed within a week, and the vessel provisioned and ready to leave by the end of the month, being due here about March or April. H. M. S. Shearwater, Commander Algou, will be the flagship of the Esquimalt squadron, which will be composed of that vessel, the Algerine and Egeria, which, according to a despatch received yesterday from London, will be recommissioned for further service at Esquimalt when her commission expires in April. The Algerine will relieve the Shearwater of much of her arduous work, and it is expected that she will make the annual cruise to Bering sea to carry out the sealing patrol.

Like the Shearwater, the Algerine has been struck off the effective list of the British navy, and is classed in the navy list as among the vessels available for subsidiary services, but, like the Shearwater, her armament has not been removed. The Algerine carries eight 4.7-inch M. L. guns, percussion firing, and is fitted with four torpedo tubes. She has a square rig on her forward mast and is bark-rigged aft.

The ordering of the Algerine to Esquimalt is considered by naval men to mean that the admiralty does not intend to re-establish the Esquimalt station with an efficient cruising squadron, as has been reported from time to time. On the other hand, persistent reports are being received that the station will again be established, and color is lent to this by the fact that, despite the strenuous efforts being made by the Dominion government to secure control of the naval yard at Esquimalt, the Admiralty still retains hold.

The special correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, cabling from London under Monday's date, said: "The newspapers insist today that the admiralty is committed to the project of a strong cruiser force with its base at Esquimalt. Inquiries by the Daily News correspondent indicate that this is likely, but that the object of the departure, so far from being to spike America's strategic guns in the Pacific, is to form the nucleus of a British fleet in that ocean sufficiently large to calm Canadian and Australian minds and to assure Britons at home that an undue preponderance of Japanese sea strength will not be permitted."

Since the withdrawal of the fleet from Esquimalt some of the duties previously undertaken by the British navy in the Pacific have been abandoned, and probably with the reinforcement of the local service by the Esquimalt some of these may be resumed. It was the custom of one of the Esquimalt vessels to proceed on a southern Pacific cruise yearly, and it was also the custom to despatch one of the warships from this station once a year to renovate the monument to Capt. Cook at Keelakekua Bay, Island of Hawaii, distant about 170 miles from Honolulu. Now the United States government, by arrangement with the admiralty, carries out this office, and the United States tug Iroquois went in November, under orders of Rear-Admiral Very, the American naval commander at Honolulu, to renovate the monument to the great navigator. The undergrowth in the enclosure was all cut down, the lettering of the inscription re-blackened and the cannon and chains surrounding the monument repainted by the United States blue-jackets. The monument marks the place where Capt. Cook was killed in 1779.

DEN OF RUTHVEN IS ON WAY TO VICTORIA

Left Wellington on Tuesday in the Canadian-New Zealand Steamship Service

The British steamer Den of Ruthven, chartered with the steamer Indravelli, now being repaired at Esquimalt by the B. C. Marine Railway company, in consequence of her accident at Keltett bluff, left Wellington

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Tatoosh, Dec. 27, 9 a.m.—Rain, wind southeast, 20 miles an hour.
Tatoosh, noon—Rain, wind southeast, 15 miles an hour.
Received by the Gonzales Hill wireless station:
Tatoosh, 1 p.m.—Wind east, 18 miles, cloudy, light rain; bar, 29.72, temp. 50. No shipping.
Tatoosh, 9 a.m.—Light rain, wind southeast, 20 miles. Bar, 29.73, temp. 54. Nothing in sight. City of Puebla reported passing Willapa bay at 4 a.m., south-bound.
Tatoosh, 9 p.m.—Weather is cloudy, wind southeast, 6 miles. Bar, 29.68, temp. 40. Schooner Melrose passed out at 3.15, lumber laden, for San Pedro.

ton, New Zealand, for Victoria, via Honolulu, on Tuesday. The Den of Ruthven is a new steamer of 3116 tons, net registered owned by Barry & Son and commanded by Capt. Singleton. She was delayed owing to the recent coal strike which concluded about five weeks ago. The Den of Ruthven and the Indravelli, belonging to T. B. Royden & Co., were chartered by R. A. Ally for the Canadian-New Zealand service, following a disagreement with the Bucknall line which supplied the steamers Pondo and Buentaur for the service. The Bucknall company withdrew its steamers from the Alley service, but it is reported, will continue, one at least, in the trade between Canada and New Zealand independently. Owing to the accident to the Buentaur which necessitated her being placed in dry dock at Auckland, N. Z., the Kazembe, one of the latest of the Bucknall vessels, was sent to British Columbia in her place. She was to have concluded her service on arrival and was then a free vessel. Owing to the accident to the Indravelli however, she was taken under charter by the Alley line for the trip to New Zealand.

CHANGES IN THE LIST OF OVERDUE VESSELS

Several on Which Reinsurance Was Paid Reach Destinations—Fears for Goto Maru

More overdues have arrived. The French bark Bouganville, 193 days from Swansea for San Francisco reached port on Christmas day with 3,000 tons of Welsh coal, the delay being due to having voyaged via Cape of Good Hope instead of the usual route via Cape Horn. The German ship R. C. Rickmers has also arrived at San Francisco. She was reinsured at ten per cent the day prior to her arrival. The steel bark General Fairbairn, 2326 tons gross, which left Eureka, June 27 last for Europe is also reported arrived. On the overdue market seven guineas per cent, "total loss" only, was the last premium paid to reinsure her.

The ship Atlas from Philadelphia and Shenandoah from Melbourne for the same port which were added to the list of vessels offered for reinsurance have arrived safely. Ten per cent was paid to reinsure each.

The rate on the Japanese steamer Goto Maru, formerly the British steamer Sylviana, is going up. The steamer is out 50 days from Hakodate for San Francisco and is now insured at 60 per cent. She is carrying a cargo of sulphur.
Prospect of saving the steamer Mount Temple, recently abandoned to the underwriters, are considered brighter by the salvage experts who have visited her ashore at West Ironbound Island, and reinsurance on the vessel has dropped in consequence 80 to 70 per cent. Underwriters are naturally anxious concerning her, and it is satisfactory to note that she is in a somewhat sheltered position. At any rate, if the vessel is lost there appears to be a good prospect of saving the cargo, which is valued at over £100,000.

The salvage of the valuable cargo on board the Sunderland steamer Hazel Branch, ashore in the Straits of Magellan, is proceeding in a satisfactory manner, and up to the present over 18,000 packages of tin ore and bars, and nearly 1,000 bags of borax have been saved. About 11,000 packages are being shipped home by the Pacific Steam Navigation company's Sorata.

Advice from Dublin state that a Norwegian whaling company has secured a site at Burtonport, county of Donegal, Ireland, for a whaling station from which steamers similar to those operated by the local company will be used.

The R.M.S. Empress of China, on which Hon. Mr. Lemieux and party are bound home from Tokyo, left Yokohama on Thursday at 3 p.m. for this port and is due a week from tomorrow.

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MUTINY QUELLED ON THE LONSDALE

Chinese of Canadian-Mexican Liner Cowed by Revolvers of Officers

An Associated Press despatch from Mexico City says: Details of a thrilling adventure in which a handful of British officers and a well known member of the British colony here held in subjection and placed in chains a full complement of sailors of the steamship Lonsdale, who had mutinied on the high seas, have reached here. When the ship arrived at the port of Salina Cruz, she was manned only by her officers, the crew being in revolt. According to the captain, rapid action had been taken upon the development of first signs of mutiny.

Assisted by his under officers and a passenger, A. W. Donly, Canadian trade commissioner at Mexico City, all of whom were heavily armed with firearms, splices and other weapons, they mounted the bridge and overpowered the mutinous crew and forced them into subjection. The officers then bound the men hand and foot and kept them in captivity until they were delivered to the port authorities.

Another despatch says: Covering the crew with heavy revolvers from the bridge of the ship, the captain and under-officers of the steamer Lonsdale, forced the entire crew to walk forward one by one, to a certain spot where each was securely bound. Thus a mutiny was nipped in the bud. Knowing that, if taken by surprise, they would be overwhelmed by force of numbers, the officers quietly prepared a quantity of rope and before the mutiny broke out, before the surprised and baffled crew was aware of what was happening, they found gleaming barrels pointed down in their midst and a stentorian voice rang out a challenge. But the crew, armed only with crude weapons, threw up their hands and one by one were forced to walk towards the bridge and one by one were securely bound.

The Lonsdale, commanded by Capt. Shadforth, which is one of the two steamers of the Canadian-Mexican line, left here Dec. 5 for Salina Cruz via the usual ports of call, Guaymas, Mazatlan, Manzanillo and Acapulco. The Lonsdale had a fair cargo, including heavy lumber and coal shipments and carried a number of passengers. These included A. W. Donly, Canadian trade commissioner to Mexico, Mrs. and Miss Donly, W. B. Milne, J. A. Raymur of this city, William Torrance for Salina Cruz and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McLeod and family for Acapulco, these having departed prior to the mutiny. The steamer carries a Chinese crew.

A Victoria boy, Archibald A. Watt, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Watt, of "Dunelm," Menzies street, joined the ship here at the last moment as pursuer.

No advice of the incident have been received by J. H. Green, general agent of the Canadian-Mexican line.

BRIGANTINE PUTS BACK IN DISTRESS

Battered by Storms W. G. Irwin Returns to Port Townsend in a Leaking Condition

In a leaking condition the brig W. G. Irwin has returned from sea to Port Townsend for repairs. During the recent severe storm off the coast the Irwin, which was bound from Roche harbor to San Francisco with lime, was unmercifully battered by heavy seas, and the working of the vessel was hampered.

The Irwin beat back to the straits and hoisted signals for a tug. The crew had been working the pumps steadily for several days to prevent the vessel from going under, and continued this arduous labor during the passage to Port Townsend. With the aid of the tug, the vessel was towed by the churning wind, which piled up the nasty sea, the condition of the men was far from comfortable and all hands were glad to find a safe haven.

The Irwin will probably repair at Port Townsend. It is now thought it will be necessary to discharge most of the cargo in order to effect permanent repairs to the hull.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SEALING COMPANY

Schooners Eva Marie and Thomas F. Bayard Engaging White Hunters for Coast Cruise

The annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing company was held yesterday afternoon, but an adjournment was taken to a future date to be arranged by the chairman of the board of directors. The sealings taken by the company's schooners last season were not disposed of, as usual, at the annual December sales in London, and are to be sold next month. Until after the sale it is improbable that the directors will meet to consider arrangements for the coming season.

The sealing schooner Eva Marie, which her owner, Capt. Jacobsen, was arranging to convert into a steamer, will make at least one more sealing cruise, according to report, and a crew of white hunters is being engaged. The Thomas F. Bayard, another independent schooner, will also ship a crew of white hunters.

DYNOMENE'S HARD VOYAGE

Has Been 330 Days Making Trip From Newcastle to San Francisco via Montevideo

The British ship Dynamene reached San Francisco on Thursday after a voyage from Newcastle, Eng., extending over 300 days. When near Cape Horn the Dynamene was assailed by terrific hurricanes which carried

away the foremast boom, topgallant masts and yards, smashed all the boats to splinters, injured four men, nearly killing the captain, and tore away all the sails and deckhouse.

For over a week the vessel was flying under bare poles before the Antarctic tempest which showed no mercy to the battered vessel. When the gale abated on Monday, the ship was headed for Montevideo, where three months were occupied in repairs.

Captain Proctor returned to England an invalid and Captain Barr took over the vessel.

HAD TRYING VOYAGE

Schooner Sehome Encountered Heavy Gales on the Way From the Golden Gate

The schooner Sehome which has arrived at Tacoma from San Francisco had a very rough passage. Captain Matson says he has seen no worse weather than he encountered on his recent run from the Bay city.

"It was horrible weather," if it wasn't a roaring gale it was a calm which is worse than a storm, for there was a terrible sea, which caused the vessel to roll heavily. We didn't have a peaceful moment. Gale after gale blew up from the southeast to southwest, and it was one continual round of anxiety."

During the entire passage, Captain Matson had no opportunity to take his clothes and indulge in slumber. The only rest he secured was now and then when he lay down in the cabin, only to be called again on deck when another gale threatened. The Sehome being light, rocked like a top on the water and she rolled about constantly. However, in the gales she made good progress, despite the swell, and arrived at Townsend without sustaining any injury.

VALPARAISO STEAMER LOOKS FOR SURVIVORS

Foreign Office Sends Vessel to Islands Off Chili to Seek Victims of Silberhorn

H. M. S. Shearwater will not be ordered to search for possible survivors of the bark Silberhorn. The British foreign office has despatched a special steamer from Valparaiso for that purpose. Great hope is held that the vessel will find the missing men. The opportunity of locating any marooned men from the missing vessel would have been much slimmer had the British government sent a warship from Esquimalt, which would have occupied about six weeks in reaching the Chilean coast.

The Silberhorn left Newcastle with a cargo of coal for Iquique and a German vessel, the bark Anny, which left the New South Wales coal port two or three days after the Silberhorn, sighted a burning ship, evidently loaded with coal, about 70 miles from Mas a Feura, an island off the Chilean coast. The report was made very tardily, not reaching London until four months after the sighting of the vessel. The burning vessel was seen about 150 miles east from Valparaiso, and it is hoped that some survivors were able to reach some of the neighboring islands.

A local shipmaster who many years ago was a resident of the South American port, said that the islands in that vicinity are plentifully stocked with pigs and goats, as well as tropical fruits, and if any shipwrecked sailors reached them they would find sustenance. On Juan Fernandez, the largest of the islands, is a fishing station belonging to a Valparaiso company, and if the seamen had reached that place they would have been heard from before now.

SINKS BARK VIKING CLOSE TO CAPE HORN

Ship Atlas in Fatal Collision—Captain and Wife of Foundered Vessel Drowned

The American ship Atlas which has arrived at San Francisco after a passage of 275 days from Philadelphia, reported having collided with and sunk the Danish bark Viking, causing the drowning of Capt. Clusen and wife. The Atlas also reported mutiny and death on board during her voyage.

At 6 p.m. the Atlas struck the Norwegian bark Viking, Capt. Clausen, bound from Hamburg to Callao. Both were badly damaged by the contact, but the bark fared worst. In the terror of the night thirteen of the crew of the Danish boat boarded the American, crawling on their hands and knees, and clinging to the rigging, shrouds and dangleing booms. But Capt. Clausen and his wife were not among those who made the dangerous transit. It was too dark to render aid, though the Atlas stood by during the night. Next morning the Viking had disappeared. The Atlas put into Rio de Janeiro for repairs, leaving badly. On the way to San Francisco a mutiny took place among the crew over some trouble with the mate, but it was easily quelled.

Before the collision off Cape Horn three of the sailors had met death. On May 23, J. Schumacher and Charles Nolan, seamen, fell from the jib-boom and were drowned. On June 15 John Hook, sailmaker, died and was buried at sea. When the ship arrived at the Golden Gate the captain's son and the third officer were ill and the vessel was ordered into quarantine.

The Atlas had a cargo of coal for the United States government. The vessel had been 120 days out from Rio and was overdue. Reinsurance had been offered at 10 per cent. According to the New York Maritime Register, the Viking is a Danish bark of 2,541 tons. The vessel left Hamburg August 23 for Callao. The last heard of the ship before her collision with the Atlas was when she was spoken, September 8, in forty-nine degrees north latitude and eight degrees west longitude.

LIFEBOAT COMING TODAY

Was Launched Yesterday at Sidney and Will Be Brought to Port This Afternoon

The Bandell Creek lifeboat was launched yesterday at Sidney, according to advice received by the marine department, and will be brought to Victoria today, leaving the island port at daylight. Capt. Gillen, coxswain of the Bandell Creek life-saving crew will be in charge of the vessel and Sydney Saddlers' engineer, Captain Jones, of the marine department, and Mr. Jameson of Hinton & Co., and an expert sent by the marine department to instruct the crew in the handling of the engine of the boat, will make the trip from Sidney in the

power boat. The boat will be sent to Bandell creek soon after the arrival here.

The ship Shenandoah, largest sailing ship afloat flying the United States flag, reached San Francisco yesterday from Melbourne, Australia, after a passage of 84 days.

The United States ship Chicago, now at San Diego, has been ordered to the Atlantic coast.

The marine and fisheries department has received a bottle picked up at Seven Mile river on the west coast containing an envelope bearing the inscription "German steamer Mera, Kosmos line, Hamburg," and on the back is "Italian doctor Luigi Perini, Vancouver, 8-8-07." The Mera sailed from Seattle for Hamburg via South America on August 7.

C. P. R. CARMEN

Board's Award Grants Nine-Hour Day and Leaves Rate of Wages Per Hour Unchanged

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The award of the board of conciliation and investigation in the matter of the dispute between the Canadian Pacific and the carmen employed on western lines, has been received in this city. The award grants the request of the men for a nine-hour day, but makes no increase in the rate of wages per hour. The pipe-fitters will continue to sustain the relations which existed in the past. The agreement, in accordance with the decision of the board, will remain in effect until July, 1908. The award is signed by all the members of the board, but it was signed as a majority award, and not as a unanimous one.

The Legion that Never Was Listed.

Reviewing the new book by Alexander Macdonald, "The Legion that Never Was Listed," the London Standard says:

The author of that delightful work "In search of Eldorado," has produced another book, which should give pleasure to every typical British reader who reads the across it, from the Shetlands to Melbourne, and from Vancouver to Cathay. It is a gallant, stirring story of the twentieth century adventures of the British empire, or of that section of this dare-devil "Legion that never was listed" which chooses the land of the Southern Cross and the South Pacific as its hunting ground. It is an uncommon book, alike in construction, style and material; and yet it is full from cover to cover of "the little things we care about."

"And the tunes which mean so much to you alone—Common tunes that make you choke and blow your nose. Vulgar tunes, but bring the laugh that brings the groan—"

The reviewer cannot but quote from the poet of empire regarding such a book, for it is instinct with the spirit of which Kipling is the acknowledged master singer. It is a handsome tribute laid upon the altar of that truest form of comradeship which links men of our blood closer together in the remote places of the earth than they ever are in the crowded home centres. It is a prose version of the famous song of the native-born—a prose saga of their wild life and strenuous doings in the least frequented parts of the great commonwealth of the south, and it should help home-staying readers more than a dozen ordinary novels to adventure to grasp the inner meaning of imperial fellowship.

"A health to the Native-born (Stand up)"

We're six white men a-row, All bound to sing of the little things we care about, All bound to fight for the little things we care about.

With the weight of a sixfold blow! By the might of our cable-tow (Take hands!)

From the Orkneys to the Horn, All round the world (and a little loop to pull it by), All round the world (and a little strap to buckle it), A health to the Native-born!

The author is a mineralogist, prospector, miner, assayer, mining engineer, and pioneer, and the book sets forth a selection of his adventures and journeys in the backblocks and in the pearling grounds of Australia and New Guinea. His writing is not at all keyed down to the drab-colored routine of life in civilization's great centres; he has none of the self-deprecatory modesty that is bred of life and work in the pent streets of cities; he is strenuous, aggressive, and even, as becomes the man who fights his way into unknown lands where savage man and savage nature combine to block his path, inclined to pitch his voice loudly, to put his best foot foremost, and to assert himself strongly. The reader would be well advised to remember that if the author had not possessed these characteristics, it would have been quite impossible for him to have lived through the stirring episodes of which this delightful book forms the record.

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LATEST METHOD OF GARBAGE DISPOSAL

All Leading Cities Have to Face the Problem—London's Experience

With the city of Victoria about to consider the advisability of the establishment of an incinerator, the question of the proper method of disposing of the city's garbage has been brought prominently to the fore. In every large city of the world one of the chief problems to be satisfactorily solved is this one of garbage disposal. It has been pretty well recognized that Victoria's method of "dumping" so forcibly condemned by the provincial health authorities and the later method of carrying the garbage out to sea in scows, has been demonstrated to be entirely inadequate. Other cities in Canada have been finally forced to adopt some new method, and in several that of an incinerator has been tried. In Winnipeg, an incinerator has been erected but has not as yet been given a trial owing to a dispute between the city and the builders as to the length of trial the plant must be put to before the city can be compelled to take it over. In Regina an incinerator has also been built, but is not yet in working order. Vancouver has also adopted this method of disposing of its garbage and has decided to pass the by-law which will be submitted at the forthcoming civic elections, this city will also be supplied with such a plant, to cost in the neighborhood of \$54,000, with necessary accessories for collecting the garbage. In an article in a recent number of the Northern Whistle, Belfast, Ireland, the following appears:

One of the problems of the health authorities in cities and large towns is how to dispose of house refuse in a suitable manner. The method in vogue today is destruction by fire, but this question arises as to whether this rubbish cannot be more profitably and efficiently handled with equal safety to the public health. Some years ago it was used very extensively for manuring land, the general practice being to dump the refuse into huge mounds, where it was left to rot under the influence of the air. This method of public health attached to this mode of procedure, and the objections raised against it were unanswerable. The farmers no doubt appreciated the rubbish because it formed a good fertilizer for their land. Mr. C. Whitwell, writing in the World's Work, points out that recent developments in the method with this question have resulted in the evolution of a satisfactory method by which a modified return is made to the former method of utilizing this waste instead of reducing it to cinder in the furnace of the destructor in which form it is of little value. The only difference, however, is that the refuse is not burned, but is decomposed by a single mechanical apparatus to the consistency of fine powder rags, clinders, paper, glass pots and tins, vegetables and other inedible refuse, which as a rule is contained in the heterogeneous collection found in the dustbin, being granulated and assimilated so thoroughly that the resultant product is without smell, and when spread upon the land commingles with the earth which it is designed to feed. The process, we are told, has advanced beyond the experimental stage, since it is now in daily operation in one of the London districts. The result has been the calling of a halt in the present method of disposing of refuse, and municipal authorities are considering whether it is not possible to turn it to more profitable account. If they succeed on the line indicated the advantage to the farming community will be considerable.

The method of converting the refuse into a fertilizer is very simple. There is a small machine, comprising a disintegrator, pulverizer, and mixer, and within this machine are four patent special alloy steel horizontal waving hammers, each weighing over 50 lbs. The mouth of the machine is large enough which the refuse is dumped, measures 14 inches square, and as rapidly as the garbage is thrown in it is caught up and pounded beneath these four hammers, which revolve at the rate of 1,250 revolutions per minute. The result is that the garbage, no matter what its character may be, is reduced to powder, shreds, broken bottles, rags, paper, comprising filth, and ashes, sharing the same fate. Within the space of two minutes the mass of rubbish issues from the apparatus in a continuous stream entirely changed in appearance and character. The material resembles finely granulated black mould, the particles of which, by a chemical process due to the mechanical action of the device, are intermixed and assimilated, with high fertilizing properties, and ready for instant use without any additional treatment. The machine is so constructed that any article too large to enter can be thrown out of the hopper, and any article incapable of pulverization, such as pieces of iron, may be observed hovering around the crude rubbish, none will frequent it in the fertilized form. Neither is the operation attended with any dust, smoke or other disagreeable effects, so that the system is perfectly hygienic in application.

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tem is the smallness of the cost as compared with any of the systems of refuse construction now in use. The machine is so compact and the cost of operating it is not high. The cost of working the two machines that are in operation in London is 5d per ton, but, as the manure is sold for 7d per ton, the net cost of disposing of house refuse is 10d per ton. Mr. Whitwell is of the opinion that the cost of operating the machine can be reduced considerably. Owing to the high fertilizing qualities of the produce, a ready sale is always possible, and, as the bulk is reduced to about 33 per cent. of what it is in the crude state, without any attendant loss in weight, this is an important factor when transport and storage are considered. Another important matter is that, whether the fertilizer is stored under cover or in heaps upon the land, it does not deteriorate, and when it is spread over the land it quickly enters into the soil. If this new system succeeds in doing all that is claimed for it, it should have a successful future. It will be welcomed by the smaller local authorities, who cannot go in for expensive refuse destructors, and it will prove very advantageous to the farmers, who will be able to get a good fertilizer at a small cost.

JAPANESE CELEBRATE

Children's Christmas Entertainment Proves Great Success—Distribution of Gifts

The Japanese Christmas celebration was held on the night of Christmas, and proved a great success and was largely attended. A feature of the entertainment was the fact that children of all nations—Chinese, Japanese, Canadian, Indian, and others—took part and made the programme one of exceptional merit. Rev. and Mrs. Wawabarra were the hosts, and attended to the wants of the young people. Mrs. Smith presided at the organ. At the conclusion of the entertainment the Christmas laden with good things was held, and none were forgotten in the distribution of the gifts.

GOSSIP OF THE HOTELS

At the Queen's hotel is a pioneer of the west coast of Vancouver island. Ned Fregon, who since 1878 has been a storekeeper at Quatsino sound. He has a general store located in a little bay off the sound not far from the narrows and adjacent to the village of the Koskeemo. From his veranda he looks out to the great plains and the wooded hills of the interior. It is indeed a picturesque outlook.

Mr. Fregon, as might be guessed from his name, is a French-Canadian. He is in Victoria for more stores and incidentally for two sheets of copper which he may tell an enquirer is intended for an Indian carver of the Koskeemo who is to carve a canoe with a "copper"; but it is understood that the oldtime trader and a partner are looking to a deposit of black sand on the northwest coast of the island, and the copper sheets are to be covered with amalgam and used to catch the gold in that sand.

The trader has seen many changes since he came to the shores of the Pacific in 1855 as a youth. He has also seen many changes at Quatsino, watched the changing conditions of the natives, the gradual incoming of the settlers, the invasion of the prospector, timber cruiser and other pathfinders of a new country.

He could tell of barbaric dances he has seen at old time potlaches in the ramshackle huts that, from the shingle beach near the narrows, where in the fringe of the forest the Koskeemo have their home, strange rites performed by hamatus at the oldtime tamamass dances in the big unplumbed lodges of cedar planks. Many a strange tale of the potlaches which for some years past have been forbidden by law, could be told by the trader, if he happened to be in a reminiscent mood. He has also witnessed many of the tragedies of the Koskeemo village, as well as some comedies.

The sorrow dances held for the lost sealing schooner Pioneer were a part of one of the tragic tales that Mr. Fregon tells. The schooner Pioneer with a crew of hunters from Quatsino went to Bering sea on a sealing cruise and never returned. To this day the Indians of Quatsino sound give as the reason for the disaster that an Indian known as Louis, believed by them to be a murderer, was one of the crew and the "Sakalee Yee" (the great anger) sank the schooner on that account during a heavy storm.

The medicine man of the Koskeemo some years ago had a wonderful tale of a drifting schooner with the skeletons of the Indian hunters lying on the decks. But Indian medicine men are great romancers and nothing was ever heard of the Pioneer.

The lodges of the hunters who were on board were burned as is the Indian custom, and a great sorrow dance was held at which the women wailed bitterly and scratched their faces until the blood flowed. Since then the Pioneer and her crew have been forgotten.

The Indian village, from which Mr. Fregon draws most of his trade, is a unique settlement. Fronting one of the houses is a great sign which tells all and sundry that it is the residence of the chief "who gives away more blankets at a potlache than any other chief on Vancouver island."

Mr. Fregon will leave for Quatsino on the steamer Amur next Wednesday night. G. A. McNicoll, purchasing agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, with headquarters at Vancouver, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. McNicoll will be over to Victoria nearly every week for a good proportion of the supplies for the company's operations in the north are purchased here and shipped direct.

Robert E. Lewis, with his family, arrived in the city on Friday from the Orient, and the same day for Ohio. Mr. Lewis has spent the year in the east as traveling secretary of the International Y. M. C. A., and is now going to Ohio as state secretary. Mr. Lewis speaks in glowing terms of the progress of the work in both Japan and China. The latest accomplishment of the society with which he is connected was the building of a huge \$100,000 building at Shanghai. It has 42 branches, colleges and universities in China and 50 in Japan. The Christian faith is steadily making progress.

Rich Uncle Ebenezer—So you are named after me, are you? Small Nephew—Yes, Ma said it was too bad, but we needed the money.—London Opinion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Five New King's Counsellors Appointed—School Districts Defined

The following appointments appear in the current issue of the British Columbia Gazette:

Graham Rossman, of the city of En-derry, to be a stipendiary magistrate for the Okanagan electoral district, and to have jurisdiction over the Small Debts act in and for that portion of the Okanagan electoral district lying north of a line which forms the southern boundary of townships 15, 11, 7 and 4, produced easterly to the eastern boundary of the Okanagan electoral district, including the territory embraced within the city of En-derry.

William James Parham, of Sandon, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

Herbert Charles Rayson, to be acting government agent, acting district registrar of births, deaths and marriages, and acting registrar of voters for the Alberni electoral district, acting assistant commissioner of lands and works for all that portion of Vancouver island and adjacent islands within the Alberni electoral district, not included in the Nanaimo and New Westminster land recording districts; acting registrar of the county court of Nanaimo, holden at Alberni; acting deputy assessor and collector for the Alberni assessment district, acting collector for the Alberni cattle district, and acting gold commissioner for the Alberni, Clayoquot and Quatsino mining divisions in the place of A. L. Smith, resigned.

Charles William Grain, of 150-Mile House, to be acting mining recorder for the Quesnel mining division; acting deputy assessor and collector, and acting collector of revenue tax for the Quesnel Forks assessment district, and acting provincial constable, during the absence on leave of William Stephenson. Such appointments to date from January 1, 1908.

Matthew John Knight, of New Westminster, and Henry Albert McCarthy, of Comaplix, to be justices of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

The unannounced members of the bar of British Columbia have been appointed His Majesty's counsel learned in the law:

George Henry Barnard, of the city of Victoria.

Robbie Lewis Reid, of the city of Vancouver.

Richard Thomas Elliott, of the city of Victoria.

James Albert Harvey, of the city of Cranbrook.

Archibald Dunbar Taylor, of the city of Vancouver.

As previously announced certificates of efficiency as assayers have been awarded to the following:

Under section 2, subsection 1—A. S. Langley, Leith Richmond, and J. S. McDiarmid, A. B. Ritchie.

The boundaries of the Point Grey school district are defined, as that district has been erected into a municipality, and the school district of South Vancouver is redefined accordingly.

Notice is given that the office of recorder of the Quesnel Mining division will be removed from Quesnel Forks to 150-Mile house, after Jan. 1.

The Greek Association Lyceum O. Nomotheis is incorporated under the Benevolent Societies act. Peter Bancroft, Antonio Demetrio and Nicolas Athanas are the incorporators.

The purpose of the society is for making provision, by means of contributions, subscriptions, donations or otherwise against sickness, unavoidable misfortune or death, and for relieving the widows and orphan children of members deceased, and for the promotion of literature, science and diffusion of knowledge, and particularly, but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing, for the promotion of Grecian literature, science and fine arts.

The Standard Stock Exchange is incorporated with a capital of \$10,000, to carry on business as general brokers and commission agents.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Plans a Patriotic Concert.

The following circular has been issued by the management of the Victoria Musical society. It has been decided to give a concert devoted to patriotic and imperialistic works, in March or April. The chorus will be limited to 150 voices. Members will be expected to devote Wednesday evenings to the society and subscribe One dollar towards the working expenses. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings in the Carnegie library, commencing January 8. Those who have to satisfy them as to their vocal qualifications by undergoing a simple test. Should you wish to become a member of the chorus please sign at the foot of this sheet and return same to Mr. Gideon Hicks, 1204 Douglas street or Mr. A. T. Bain, chorale secretary, 10 Blanchard street, without delay. A program of new songs being made to completely cover in the stage at the Theatre so as to render choral work more effective.

The New Grand

A ten cent children's matinee this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the usual performance tonight will afford the last opportunities of seeing the big holiday bill that has been delighting crowded houses all week at the New Grand. The full programme includes Ameen Abouhamed and his troupe of eight whirlwind acrobatic Arabs; the Rossaires, tight and slack wire artists; Gray and Graham, novelty musical act; Evans and Lloyd, comedy sketch "The Tables"; Evangeline Metcalfe, singing and dancing; Thos. J. Price, singing the illustrated song "Keep on Smiling"; two funny moving pictures, and the overture, "A Tourist's Experience in Victoria," by the orchestra.

Pantagres Theatre

The usual ten cent matinee, which takes place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, has a programme this week that is hard to equal. The performance is a good one throughout, and one calculated to please both old and young. The boys and girls should not miss the opportunity of seeing Baby Patsy, the very clever juvenile entertainer, in her songs and dances, who has been delighting all those who have seen her during the week. As a dancer Baby Patsy cannot be equaled by any child of her age. The style, ease and gracefulness that she displays is remarkable and a pleasant feature. All the numbers on the programme are

good, and can be enjoyed by all the children nicely. The Pantagrescope shows very funny moving pictures which makes everybody laugh.

Playwrights Poor Judges.

After all, what a remarkable thing it is that the playwright is frequently the poorest judge of his own work. Take Charles Klein, for example, who has a record of twenty-six plays and some dozen librettos, all of which have been produced. Apropos he is not in "the struggling author" class, either. In the last three years this dramatist has had four plays produced, two failures and two successes. Klein considers "The Daughters of Men" his best work. The public put the stamp of its disapproval on the piece in short order. This season he wrote "The Stepfather," which had an inglorious career of less than two months. When asked whether it would be brought to England, Klein grimly replies, "not unless it is in a casket."

But the other side of the picture is vastly different. "The Lion and the Mouse," now in its third year, has played to over four million dollars and the royalties from "The Music Master" added to the Klein bank account.

"The Lion and the Mouse," which Henry B. Harris is sending to the west this season, headed by Dorothy Dellon as Shirley Rossmore and Paul Everett as John Burckett Ryder, the richest man in the world, will be seen at the Victoria theatre, Monday evening next.

"Strongheart" on Thursday.

Mr. Stuart as the college bred Indian hero "Strongheart," in the comedy drama of that name by William C. De Mille is the attractive offering announced for the Victoria Theatre for Thursday, January 2. Mr. De Mille has laid the scenes of "Strongheart" at Colorado University, and furnishes a vivid and highly amusing picture of college life. "Strongheart" is an Indian, the son of a chief, who, through the prowess on the football field, has become a hero to his classmates at Columbia. His love for the sister of his chum forms the motive of the play, which although serious in its plot, is relieved by scenes of such bright, breezy comedy that vividly photograph college life, that "Strongheart" scored the dramatic hit of last season in New York, Boston and Chicago, where it played long and prosperous engagements.

PLANT IS READY

Creosoting of Blocks for Government Street Starts Next Week

It is expected that the building being erected over the creosoting plant will be completed today and that the plant will commence the work of treating blocks by next Wednesday at the latest and perhaps before. At the regular meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee held last night it was decided to obtain prices from old country firms on creosote in order to have a stock on hand early next week. The creosote received for the treating of the blocks for the Government street pavement is already on hand. Next week the council will visit the plant in order that the members may see it in full working order.

The work of placing underground conduits which will contain the telephone wires on Government street will commence almost at once in order that they will be in position when the work of paving that thoroughfare starts immediately after the New Year. The committee also decided to recommend a number of street improvements such as sewers and repairs to the streets to put them in better condition.

OAK BAY COUNCIL LOOKS OVER SITE

Municipal Stables and Sheds to Be Erected at Once—Other Buildings Later

The members of the Oak Bay municipal council surveyed the new municipal property just purchased by vote of the ratepayers on Oak Bay avenue, yesterday morning, in order to consider the location of the new municipal buildings which it is intended to erect. The stables will be located at the back of the lot and the municipal hall in front. The \$2,000 voted by the ratepayers will be expended in the erection of sheds and stables, which are badly needed by the municipality. It is expected that a sufficient sum will be derived from the sale of the present school site in the near future to pay for the erection of a combined municipal building and school. It is proposed to put up a two-story building, with the schoolroom underneath and the hall above. This building will not be erected until late next year, in any event, however, the present intention being merely to put up the stables and sheds at this time.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.		
Vessel.	From.	Due.
Cyclops	From the Orient.	Dec. 28
Tremont	From the Orient.	Jan. 7
Bellerophon	From the Orient.	Jan. 9
From Australia.		
Miwera	From Australia.	Jan. 15
Oriana	From Australia.	Jan. 30
Den of Ruthven	From New Zealand.	Jan. 20
Lonsdale	From Liverpool.	Jan. 15
Germanicus	From Liverpool.	Dec. 28
Princess Ena	From Liverpool.	Oct. 31
Cyclops	From Liverpool.	Oct. 12
Bellerophon	From Liverpool.	Nov. 9
Ning Chow	From Liverpool.	Dec. 5
Princess May	From Liverpool.	Jan. 4
Queen City	From Liverpool.	Dec. 30
Canopus	From Liverpool.	Dec. 30
Princess Beatrice	From Liverpool.	Dec. 28

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President	Dec. 20	San Francisco.
City of Puebla	Jan. 4	San Francisco.
Governor	Jan. 9	San Francisco.
Umatilla	Jan. 14	San Francisco.
From Sourabaya.		
Hendrik Ibsen	Dec. 8	Sourabaya.
Sailing Vessels.		
Vessel.	Date.	Destination.
Loudon Hill, Liverpool	May 24	into Capetown leaving, Aug. 17.
(sailed into Capetown leaving, Aug. 17).	Oct. 15	
W. F. Babcock, Newcastle		
Jas. Newth, Newcastle		
Alta	Newcastle	
Seastern, Callao		
Hillston, Cardiff	Sept. 7	
Invernell, Honolulu		
Strathgry, Callao		
Schwarzenbek, Callao	Nov. 16	
Clan Galbraith, Santa Rosalia		

Steamers to Sail.		
Vessel.	Date.	Destination.
Tango, Maru	Jan. 7	For the Orient.
Moana	Jan. 3	For Australia.
Georgia	Dec. 31	For Skagway.
Princess May	Jan. 8	For Northern British Columbia Ports.
Princess Beatrice	Jan. 1	Vancouver.
Vaudso	Dec. 30	Vancouver.
Canopus	Dec. 30	Queen City.
For West Coast.		
Tees	Jan. 1	C.P.R.
For San Francisco.		
Governor	Dec. 31	San Francisco.
Umatilla	Jan. 5	San Francisco.
City of Puebla	Jan. 10	San Francisco.

Local Steamers.		
Vessel.	Date.	Destination.
Princess Victoria		
Leaves Vancouver	1:30 p. m. daily.	
Leaves Victoria	1 a. m. daily.	
Arrives Victoria	6:30 p. m. daily.	
Arrives Vancouver	3 a. m. daily.	
Victoria-Seattle.		
Princess Royal		
Leaves Victoria	8:30 a. m. daily, except Monday.	
Leaves Seattle	11:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.	
Arrives Seattle	2:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.	
Arrives Victoria	7 a. m. daily, except Tuesday.	
Leaves Victoria	daily except Thursdays, 4:30 p. m.	
Arrives daily except Thursdays	1:30 p. m.	
Victoria-New Westminster.		
R. P. Rithet		
Leaves Victoria	Tuesday and Friday.	
Leaves Westminister	Wednesday and Saturday.	
Upper Fraser River.		
Beaver		
Leaves New Westminster	8 a. m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday.	
Leaves Chilliwack	7 a. m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack.	
Lower Fraser River.		
Transfer		
Leaves New Westminster	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2 p. m.; Additional trip Monday 5 a. m.	
Leaves Steveston	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 7 a. m.; Friday 6 a. m. Additional trip Saturday 5 p. m.	
Vancouver-Nanaimo (E. & N. Ry.)		
Joan		
Leaves Nanaimo	7 a. m.	
Leaves Vancouver	1:30 p. m. daily except Sunday.	
Victoria-Nanaimo.		
Nanaimo-Comox-Union (E. & N. Ry.)		
Leaves Victoria	Tuesday 7 a. m. Arrives Nanaimo Tuesday 4 p. m. Arrives Victoria Saturday 2 p. m. Arrives Nanaimo Wednesday 7 a. m. Arrives Union Bay and Comox Wednesday 2 p. m.	
Leaves Union Bay and Comox	Thursday, 7 a. m.	
Leaves Nanaimo	Thursday, 2 p. m.	
Leaves Union Bay and Comox	Friday, 2 p. m.	
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Mainland News

CONSULAR OFFICES TO BE DISCONTINUED

Agencies at Rossland, Nelson and Fernie to Close at Year's End

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Orders were recently received from the United States department of state to the effect that after Dec. 31 the consular agencies now existing at Nelson, Fernie and Rossland should be discontinued. The result of this announcement caused a strenuous protest to be made from the upcountry point, Nelson in particular objecting on the ground that \$4,000,000 worth of goods had been involved at that point for shipment to the United States during 1906. In response to these protests a wire was received by United States Consul Dudley this morning stating that he was authorized to continue the agency at Fernie for the present.

Col. Dudley said he was not advised of the reason of his government for the promulgation of the order to discontinuing the upcountry agencies, they had all been established since his coming to Vancouver, Rossland being established in 1897, Nelson in 1899 and Fernie in 1902. The order would mean additional work for his office, inasmuch as where the business with the States was done at points where a local agent could not be reached the Vancouver office would have to undertake the work at long distance range. If the plan of abandoning all the upcountry points is maintained by the United States government, the only States representatives in the province will be those at Vancouver, Victoria and Cumberland.

POLICEMAN STRUCK

Vancouver Officer Gets Savage Blow From Thug While Making Arrest

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—While in the act of slipping handcuffs on the wrists of Fred Simons in a house on Canton Alley last night, Officer Latimer was struck on the head by his prisoner with a murderous "knock-out" 16-inch piece of garden hose, which had a galvanised iron bolt firmly tied to one end of it with part of a handkerchief. Simons showed fight when about to be arrested, and quickly wrenching his right hand free, pulled a piece of hose out of one of his pockets and struck savagely at the policeman. Officer Latimer quickly shot in a hard left, dragged Simons outside and then took him to the station. When searched, a false moustache was found in one of his pockets.

Officer Latimer's attention was attracted by a row of boys on the house on Canton alley and at once proceeded to investigate. He found that Simons had hit one of the girls on the head with his weapon, and inflicted a severe cut, and stolen a \$50 bill from her. She claimed that Simons and a pal of his took the money, but the second man managed to get away. Simons said that he came from Ottawa.

Officer Latimer deserves much credit for making the arrest for he received a nasty blow on the head, which raised a big lump. He acted promptly, however, and overcame Simons by sheer physical strength. Simons will have to face the charges of robbery with violence and assaulting an officer. Simons had \$13 in his possession, and it is thought he must have passed the \$50 bill to his companion, who, up to an early hour this morning had not been captured.

Australian Line Subsidy.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—A meeting of the council of the Vancouver board of trade yesterday discussed the question of the cancellation of the subsidy to the Canadian-Australian line of steamers. The following telegram was ordered to be sent to Premier Laurier, the seven members for British Columbia, and the secretary of the

Canadian Manufacturers' association: "In the general interest of Canadian trade, the Vancouver board of trade strongly protests against the discontinuance of the subsidy to the Canadian-Australian line of steamers."

AXMEN WANTED

Engineer Green of Prince Rupert Sends Order for Thirty to New Westminster

New Westminster, Dec. 27.—J. M. Wise, proprietor of the Depot hotel has received a request from Construction Engineer George Green of Prince Rupert, to supply him with thirty axmen for work on the clearing of the Prince Rupert townsite, the men to be hired and shipped out immediately. Green is offering 27½ cents an hour, and board is to be charged at the rate of \$5.50 a week, washing not included. In a letter to Mr. Wise, Green states that the work of clearing the townsite is to be pushed forward with as much rapidity as possible, and that as soon as this task is completed, the axmen will be set to work on the clearing of the right-of-way for the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Road Repair Requested.

New Westminster, Dec. 27.—A petition praying the government to put the New Westminster-Port Moody road in fair condition is being circulated in this city for signatures. This road has been in a deplorable condition for years past, and many representations have already been made, but so far with no result. As this is one of New Westminster's most important feeders, the matter will be pressed to a successful issue this time. The distance between the two towns is about six miles.

A Misanthrope's Work.

New Westminster, Dec. 27.—To any person who will supply information that will lead to the conviction of the parties guilty of the outrage committed at Mount Lehman, a reward of \$150 will be paid, \$100 being offered by the Matsqui council, and \$50 by M. D. Morrison, the owner of a valuable horse which was slashed with a sharp knife in such a cruel manner that the animal had to be killed the following day.

LOST IN WOODS

A Bellingham Mill Owner Wanders Across the Line Into British Columbia

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 27.—Lost for forty-eight hours in the woods without fire or food, and finally coming to human habitation across the boundary line in British Columbia is the experience related by Elmer B. Smith of this city, owner of the Buffalo Shingle company's mill near Lynden. Smith tells a graphic story of his long, lonely hike, the discovery of his trail, the rescue of a mariner marooned on an uninhabited island.

He was visiting a shingle-bolt cutting near his mill, he states, and on his return became confused and wandered off the trail. The more he tried to find the mill the more thoroughly lost he became, and finally, totally alone, he plunged off on a straight line, trusting to eventually find some logging camp or ranch. For a whole day he walked, and when he was forced by darkness to stop, he made a hungry, fireless camp. To add to his miseries the rain commenced falling soon after nightfall, and he was drenched before morning. The next day, continuing on his course, he came to a ranch, and was told to his astonishment, that he was across the boundary and on British soil. He was directed to a railroad, and returned to his mill last evening.

BOUNDARY OPERATIONS

Heavy Logging Contract—Fruit Culture and Cattle Raising Entertains

Grand Forks, Dec. 27.—Geo. Taylor has secured a big logging contract from the Yale Columbia Lumber company. The agreement calls for the clearing of all the timber on three ranches some miles up the north fork of the Kettle river. The ranches are supposed to contain about three million feet of saw logs.

An important real estate deal has been put through here whereby A. D. Morrison becomes the possessor of eleven acres of land adjoining the city limits on the west, and runs as far west as the Franche Bros. green houses. The land is ready for trees and it is the intention of Mr. Morrison to plant it out with fruit trees in the spring. While the purchase price has not been made public it is understood that it was very reasonable.

The question of a government grant for a public building in Grand Forks is a very live question, and the local liberal association has taken the matter up.

J. J. Bosworth, a rancher in the district has purchased 600 acres of grazing land near Cascade, on the international boundary line.

Heavy Sentence

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—An unusual sentence was imposed today in the police court. James McNair, charged with the theft of \$1, got eighteen months.

Good Holiday Trade

New Westminster, Dec. 27.—The general consensus of opinion among the merchants of the town seems to show that the Christmas shopping this year was heavier than in 1906. Then the harvest lasted for the few days immediately preceding Christmas, this year people have been purchasing weeks in advance. The heavy trade was made up of small purchases, few individual sales of any size being reported, except in the case of furniture, of which a higher grade of goods was disposed of at this season.

Had Eye Knocked Out

Macdonald, Man., Dec. 27.—George Armstrong, a well-known farmer of this district, had his eye knocked out by a horse while at work in the stable of his brother's farm. He is suffering great agony, but under medical aid, is doing well as can be expected.

TIMBER RESERVATION LARGELY APPROVED

Opinions Expressed on the Subject Among Mainland Operators

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—The action of the provincial government in placing under reservation for an indefinite period all crown timber lands, came as a great surprise to the general public and also to the majority of timber men. Because of street rumors last week to the effect that the government was considering the question of reserving these lands, and that such action had been advocated by the delegation of men interested in timber which waited on the government, there is a belief that the reserve did not surprise all timber men.

The subject of the reserve was one of general discussion among timber owners. This morning, however, the consensus of opinion was that the move was a wise one and in the interests of the people. Whether this general belief is not fostered by more or less selfish motives is a question not much discussed because of the unanimity of approval of the government's action.

There is some anxiety in the minds of those who have staked timber limits and are now advertising them pending application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for licenses. The question has been raised whether the reserve will cover those lands now being advertised. It is the general opinion that all transactions looking to the acquisition of timber which were undertaken prior to last Monday will be recognized as legal by the government.

Dr. Judson P. Clark, general secretary of the B. C. Timber & Forestry Chamber of Commerce, in speaking of the placing of the reserve and its effect on the movement for the extension of the life of the licenses said today:

"The position of the timbermen regarding the two petitions prayers is not affected by the reservation which simply prevents the aggravation of an impossible situation which is the economic lumbering of the timber already under license within twenty-one years. This reservation disposes of two objections which have been made to the time extension. The first of these was on the score of monopoly, and the second excessive location under a forty-two-year renewal period this latter was not serious as the merchantable timber is already largely under license. This area now under license will be between seven and eight million acres. There is possibly about a hundred million feet of timber about one-half of which will be merchantable under forced logging as required by the twenty-one-year limit of renewal."

PRINCE RUPERT EVENTS

Notes of Progress in G. T. P. Terminal—A Chinaman Violates the Health Act

A Chinese, named Willie Lung, who has been living at Metakakia with Peter Robinson, an Indian constable, was brought to Prince Rupert by acting constable Crippen, charged with practicing medicine contrary to the provisions of the Medical Act. When arraigned before B. R. MacDonald, J. P., he pleaded guilty, and explained that he had been granted a permit to practice medicine among the Indians by the five chiefs at Kitsooth, for which he paid \$5. He said he did not always make a charge for his services, merely charging the Indians for the medicines, as they were not able or willing to pay for his services. He was fined \$50 and \$10.50 costs or thirty days in jail.

Collector of the Port Macdonald was kept fairly busy this week entering and clearing deep-sea steamships that carry freight and passengers between British Columbia ports. The Venture, Princess May, Camosun and Princess Beatrice arrived during the week. The William Joffe, a powerful tug owned by the Bullens of Victoria, was here on Saturday.

Slaves in placing buoys and doing other work that the Quadra usually looks after. The Native, Constance and several other boats, engaged in tow-logs and lumber-laden scows, also entered and cleared.

N. J. Coulter, so it is reported, has decided to build his halibut receiving warehouse at Port Simpson, and not at Prince Rupert as was reported in The Empire last week. The reasons for the change, it is claimed, are that he would have to depend almost entirely on Indians for the fish, and those he could make arrangements with preferred to deliver fish at Port Simpson, where they live, and that halibut can be caught close to Port Simpson. Mr. Coulter, so it is reported, has ordered lumber for the warehouse.

Cliff, Wadhams & Co., of Port Eslington have entered into a contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific railway for the delivery of 2500 piles, from 40 to 100 feet long. They expect to get them on Porcher Island, where a member of the firm has timber limits. This week they took a donkey engine belonging to the railway company from Prince Rupert and will use it in the work.

Several changes in locations are likely to be made among the provincial constables in Skeena district. Constable Prescott, who was stationed at Port Simpson, will go to Jedway, and C. L. Cullin, who was at Jedway will be put in charge of the territory between Kitimat and Kit-salas. John Conway takes Mr. Prescott's place at Port Simpson.

The Falcon, Capt. Copp, will make Prince Rupert her home port during

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the winter months while engaged in patrol work watching the halibut fisheries.

W. B. Stevenson, Jr., the manager of the Seal Harbor sawmill, got things going on Monday. The mill is in operation and a new logging camp, in charge of J. E. Bresnahan, has been started. Mr. Stevenson is from the Brunette mills at New Westminster where lumber is made—Prince Rupert Empire.

DIED ON THE TRAIL

Gilbert McDonald, Operator on Yukon Telegraph Line, Apparently Victim of the Cold

Hazelton, Dec. 27.—A sad death is reported from Kudo, the second station north of here on the Yukon telegraph line. Yesterday morning Gilbert McDonald, the operator at the station, was found dead on the trail. He was returning from the north ridge cabin, where he met Operator McIntosh from Third cabin on Tuesday morning. He left McIntosh in apparent good health, and should have arrived at Kudo early on Wednesday. His not arriving at the time he was expected, caused lineman Hunter Corner at the station to become anxious, and at 2 o'clock on Thursday morning he left the station and took the trail in search of McDonald. He found the body about two miles out, and carried it on his back to the station. Coroner Hicks-Beach was notified by telegraph, and he has made arrangements to have the body brought to Hazelton.

The body when found was frozen, and death resulted from natural causes, as there are no signs of violence on the body. There were marks in the snow thirty feet apart where McDonald had fallen before death resulted. It will be eight or nine days before the body can reach Hazelton, as there is no snow north of here for several miles.

So far, the authorities have been unable to locate his relatives or find out where he was born. He was a member of both the Commercial Telegrapher's union and the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

SPENT LAST OF LIFE IN HERMIT'S CAVE

Fate of C. F. Powell, Formerly Oxford Student and Canadian Journalist

Melrose, Mass., Dec. 27.—An investigation by the officials of the poor department and the police today partially unraveled the mystery of the identity and life-story of a man who died unknown in the Melrose hospital yesterday. The man was known, on account of his habits of life as "The Hermit of the Middlesex Flats," but except to one close friend his name was not known until after his death.

According to Mr. and Mrs. George Beckford, who were his intimate acquaintances, the hermit's name was Charles Frederick Powell, a native of Plymouth, England, and he had a romantic career. Powell possessed an exceptionally good education, and was familiar with art and literature, although his mode of life was that of a tramp. He told the Beckfords that at one time he was a student of Trinity college, Oxford, and was a member of the college choir. King Edward of England was a student there at the same time, Powell said, and was frequently in the audiences which attended the choral masque.

Powell did not finish his course at Trinity, having had some trouble in the institution. Later his father sent him to a university in Germany, but he remained there only a short time. After going back to his home he interfered in a quarrel between his father and mother, and taking his mother's part, struck his father, whereupon ordered him out of the house. Powell then came to this country, 26 years ago, and never returned to his home.

He was at one time connected with the Montreal Gazette, and at another time with the Toronto Mail. For the last three or four years he had made his home in the vicinity of Melrose, living much of the time in a cave in the Middlesex Flats. In the cave he had only a blanket for a covering, and an oil stove on which he cooked such food as he could obtain.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Beckford, Powell was something of a poet, and he told them he had a small trunk filled with poems. This trunk, he said, he had buried in the ground. Search for it will be made tomorrow.

In the clothing of the dead man two old photographs of Powell's mother and sister were found. They were taken in Liverpool, Eng. Powell's death was due to pneumonia, resulting from exposure. He was 56 years old.

Large Amount Involved

New York, Dec. 27.—Suit for an accounting was begun in the New York Supreme court by Edward Clarence Jones against the New York Trust company, and the Youngstown, Ohio, Railway and Light company, now merged with the Mahoning and Shenango railroad. Mr. Jones is a stockholder in the defendant railroad and light company. The amount involved is about \$3,700,000.

British Bondholders Aggrieved

Washington, Dec. 27.—Mr. Howard, the British charge and secretary of embassy, called upon Secretary Taft at the war department today in the interest of certain bondholders of the Maricao telephone company, of Cuba. He is complaining that they have been deprived of the right conferred by a Spanish decree to operate telephones in Havana proper. Secretary Taft thought the subject a proper one for adjudication by the courts, or that at least it should be allowed to remain in statu quo until the Cuban legislature is again convened and ready to deal with the subject.

Girl's Mysterious Death

New York, Dec. 27.—The father and mother of Marie Mowitniky, a comely 18-year-old Polish girl, who was shot to death in the hallway of her home in Cherry street last night, and Stefan Greska, a boarder in the Mowitniky home, are opposing prison cells today. The police are seeking to clear up the mystery which surrounds the girl's death. A telegram from Franklin, N. J., received at police headquarters this afternoon, announced that Carlin Scanco, who had been keeping company with the girl for some time, had been arrested.

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FIVE BURNED

Members of Boston Family Perish in Fire That Destroyed Their House

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Five persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a house in the south suburb early today. Every member of the Clark family met death in the flames. The dead are: Clark, his wife and three children, John, aged 11, Philip, aged 9, and Dorie, aged 2.

The cause of the fire will never be known as the flames had made great headway when first discovered by neighbors shortly after 1 o'clock. The house was two miles off the centre of the town and by the time the firemen had reached the scene, the house had been burned almost to the ground. The firemen were able to locate the bodies of the father and two boys, but the mother and little girl were not found until the ruins of the house had cooled off sufficiently to permit a more thorough search. Mr. Clark was a salesman in a seed store on Fanuel square, Boston. The house was valued at about \$5,000.

Old C.P.R. Employee Dead.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 27.—George Dent, one of the oldest employees of the Canadian Pacific railway in this city, died yesterday. Mr. Dent first entered the employ of the C.P.R. at Owen Sound at the time the steamers Alberta, Athabasca and Algoma were built. He came here in the year 1884, since which time he has been constantly an employee of the company, being for the past eighteen years foreman of the local freight sheds.

Paralyzed and Alone.

Davidson, Sask., Dec. 27.—Mr. Samuelson, a homesteader, was found on the floor of his shack on Tuesday suffering from a severe stroke of paralysis. Mr. Samuelson was last seen on Saturday. Just when he was stricken is not known. He is 48 years old, and is said to have a wife and family in the old country. He was removed to the home of Martin Chell, his nearest neighbor, and although unable to speak, Dr. Hutchison, who just returned from there, expects him to recover.

Edinburgh chrysanthemum show realized \$4,630 in three days.

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Carey Road, Dec. 23rd, 1907.

To the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Saanich

Ladies and Gentlemen—

At the request of a number of electors, I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for reeve at the forthcoming municipal election, and solicit your vote and influence.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCKS ENJOYED A RALLY

Making Effort to Keep Up the Values Until End of the Month is Past

New York, Dec. 27.—Prices of stocks had a comprehensive and substantial rally today, and the volume of the transactions expanded considerably. The increased business was poorly distributed, and was concentrated in favorite stocks of the speculative element, indicating the professional source of much of the buying. The demand was generally ascribed to covering operations by the bear element, which has sold the market freely during the high money period of the last few days.

One of the houses making the largest purchases of stocks today advised its customers against short sales at present, on the ground that intended liquidation would be withheld in the market, wherever possible until money becomes easier after the first of the year. There was some active support in the market and the desire to help the market values of securities for the showing in the yearly balance sheets as of December 31st was believed to furnish the motive for some of this support. Some of the day's incidents offered positive factors towards a betterment of sentiment. One was the falling off in the premium on currency and the inference of a subsidence of the demand in that field. The shipments of currency to the interior by the banks were less than last week, and the transfers to other points through the sub-treasury were decidedly the smallest for any week since the financial disturbance set in.

By reason of the continued inflow of gold this week, and of large payments at the sub-treasury, together with the diminished movement to the interior, the New York banks appear to have gained upwards of \$3,000,000 cash during the week. A further substantial reduction in the deficit is promised therefore. The sub-treasury payments reflect in part the current deficit in the government revenues, the excess of government expenditures over receipts for December thus far having reached \$8,479,157, compared with an excess of receipts over expenditures in the corresponding period last year of \$7,297,783. It is this course of government revenue operations which keeps alive the question of an early necessity for a draft on the treasury by the deposits with the national banks.

An excellent impression was made by the insignificant withdrawals of saving banks deposits which have

followed expiration of the sixty-day period of notices required at the time of the runs on the New York Trust company. Withdrawals would forfeit the six months' interest due at the end of the year, and the short portion yet to expire of that period is believed to have helped towards keeping down the withdrawals of deposits.

A sharp reaction in foreign exchange rates marked the cessation of the demand against gold engagements abroad. The week's exports of wheat and corn also rose to the largest figures for the present season.

The day's gains in prices of stocks were nearly all maintained, in spite of a late rise in money rates. Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, \$1,914,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

By F. W. Stevenson.

Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	15	47 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Car. Pk.	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Am. Cit. Oil	28	28 1/2	28 1/2
Am. Loco.	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2
Am. Smelters	69	70 1/2	67 1/2
do pfd	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2
Am. Sugar	96 1/2	100 1/2	98 1/2
Am. Tobacco	28 1/2	29 1/2	28 1/2
Atchafson	70	70 1/2	68 1/2
do pfd	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2
B. and O.	81	81 1/2	80 1/2
do pfd	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2
B. T.	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2
C. P. R.	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2
Cent. Leather	14 1/2	15	14 1/2
C. E. and L.	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
C. and O.	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
C. and G. W.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
C. M. and S. P.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
C. T. and T.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Erie	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
H. T.	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Int. Paper	8	8 1/2	8 1/2
L. and N.	90 1/2	92	90 1/2
Mo. Pac.	45 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2
N. Y. Cent.	89 1/2	91 1/2	89 1/2
N. Y. O. and W.	91 1/2	92	91 1/2
Penn.	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
People's Gas	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Pr. Steel Car	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Reading	92 1/2	94 1/2	91 1/2
Rock Island	15	15 1/2	15 1/2
do pfd	28	28 1/2	28 1/2
S. P.	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2
S. P. pfd	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
S. R.	12 1/2	13	12 1/2
do pfd	36	36	36
U. P.	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
U. S. Steel	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2
do pfd	86 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2
Wabash	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
West Union	55	55	55

Wheat in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—In the face of lower cables, both British and continental and extremely favorable reports from Argentina, the market held very firm until late in the morning, when it broke about 1 cent to 1 1/2 cent on all boards. There was a slight recovery at the close from 1-8 to 1-4 from the low point of the morning; this was on the official bulletin from India, which was very bullish. The Modern Miller and the Price Current

were both bullish on condition of the winter wheat crop. The volume of trading on the American markets was not large, but was well sustained. In spite of the decline from the curb market of Thursday, which advanced nearly 7-8, the closing was from 1-8 to 1-4 over the previous official close of Tuesday last. It is a strong and a stubborn market and an active one for the time of year, particularly for low grade wheats.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

By F. W. Stevenson.

Chicago, Dec. 27, 1907.

Open. High. Low. Close.

Wheat No. 2—	106 1/2	107	105 1/2	106 1/2
July	98 3/4	99 1/2	98 1/2	98 3/4
Corn No. 2—	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
July	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Oats No. 2—	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
July	46	46	46	46
Port—	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
May	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Liverpool Wheat—	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
May	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2

MONTREAL STOCKS.

By Waghorn, Gwynn & Co., 519 Grandville street, Vancouver.

Sellers.	Buyers.
Montreal	22 1/2
Merchants	150
Union	125
Commerce	191
Twin City	83
Mont. Heat and Power	86 1/2
Montreal Street Railway	186
Toronto Street Railway	94 1/2
Hungarian, per bbl.	57 1/2
Sawflake, a bag	11 1/2
Snowflake, per bbl.	56 1/2
Maple, per sack	54 1/2
Moist, per bbl.	57 1/2
Drifted Snow, per sack	17 1/2
Three Star, per sack	22 1/2

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

Temporary Trading Stock.

Bid.	Asked.
Alberta Coal and Coke Co.	40
B. C. Copper Co.	100
Burton Saw Works	115
Canadian Can. S. and R.	65.00
Caribou Camp McKinney	2 1/2
Dominion Copper Co.	1.00
Granby	70.00
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	80
Imperial Trust Co.	97.00
Portland Canal	17
Rainbow Caribou	19
Sullivan	5
Western Corporation	90.00
Western Oil Co.	1.00

Coeur d'Alene Stocks.

Bid.	Asked.
Alameda	2
Charles Dickens	8 1/2
Gertie	4
Humming Bird	4
Idora	2 1/2
Missoula Copper	7
Nabob	2 1/2
O. K. Can.	1
Oom Paul	1
Rex	1
Snow	1.00
Stewart	50
Tamarac and Chesapeake	10
Wonder	1

Bank of England Statement

London, Dec. 27.—The rate of dis-

count of the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 7 per cent. The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased, £2,718,000; circulation, increased, £387,000; bullion, decreased, £2,330,883; other securities, increased, £3,151,000; other deposits, increased, £1,700; public deposits, increased, £2,355,000; note reserve, decreased, £2,590,000; government securities, unchanged.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to its liabilities this week is 39.90, compared to 49.50 per cent. last week.

Wheat in New York

New York, Dec. 27.—Wheat receipts 180,000; sales 1,000,000; spot easy. Countryed fine Argentine wheat caused disappointing Liverpool market reports today and was responsible for a cent break here in the absence of export demand.

Final prices showed 3-4 to 1 cent decline: Dec. closed 107 7-8; May 112 1-4 and 113 7-8, closed 112 5-8; July 105 7-8 a 106 1-4, closed 105 7-8.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Flour.

Royal Household, a bag	\$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.00
Royal Standard	\$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	\$1.75
Maple, a bag	\$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	\$7.75
Sawflake, a bag	\$1.75
Snowflake, per bbl.	\$6.80
Maple, per sack	\$2.00
Moist, per bbl.	\$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$1.75
Three Star, per sack	\$2.00

Foodstuffs.

Brass, per ton	\$30.00
Shorts, per ton	\$32.00
Feed Wheat, per ton	\$32.00
Oats, per ton	\$37.00
Barley, per ton	\$31.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	\$25.00
Cornmeal, per ton	\$38.00
Chop Feed, best, per ton	\$27.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	\$36.00
Middlings, per ton	\$30.00

Vegetables.

Celery, four heads	25
Lettuce, hot house, 3 heads	10
Garlic, per lb.	10
Onion, local, per lb.	6
Tomatoes, outdoor, 3 lbs.	25
Potatoes, local, per sack	\$1.75
Swiss Potatoes, new, 4 lbs.	25
Vegetable marrow, each	10 to 10
Green peppers, each	3
Chili peppers, per lb.	30
Squash, per lb.	4
Chop Feed, best, per ton	15 to 25
Cauliflower, each	5
Cabbage, local, per lb.	5
Red Cabbage, per lb.	5

Dairy Produce.

Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	70
Cooking, per dozen	40
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	25
Neufchatel, each	5
Swiss, local, each	10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	35
Best, dairy, per lb.	40
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	50
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	50
Delta Creamery, per lb.	50
Butter, cooking, per lb.	30
Quince, per lb.	10
Grape Fruit, per dozen	1.00
Oranges, per dozen	30 to 50
Lemons, per dozen	30
Pigs, cooking, per lb.	\$ to 19
Apples, local, per bushel	2.00 to 2.25

Grapes, California, per basket	60
Bananas, per dozen	35
Pine, table, per lb.	75
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	15
Raisins, table, per lb.	25 to 60
Grapes, Con., per basket	1.00
Pineapples, each	50
Pears, per box	1.25 to 1.50
Cranberries, per lb.	20

Nuts.

Walnuts, per lb.	30
Brazils, per lb.	30
Almonds, Jordan, per lb.	30
Almonds, California, per lb.	30
Cocoanuts, each	15
Pecans, per lb.	30
Chestnuts, per lb.	30

Fish.

Cod, salted, per lb.	10 to 13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	8 to 10
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	20
Clams, per lb.	20 to 25
Oysters, Olympia, per pint	40 to 50
Oysters, Tokyo Point, etc.	40 to 50
Shrimps, per lb.	25 to 30
Smelts, per lb.	5 to 10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	12 1/2
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	25

Meat and Poultry.

Lamb, per lb.	15 to 25
Mutton, per lb.	12 1/2 to 20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.00 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	12 1/2 to 18
Goose, dressed, per lb.	18 to 20
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb., live weight	12 1/2 to 15
Chickens, broilers, per lb.	25
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	50 to 60
Rabbits, dressed, each	50 to 60
Geese, each	75
Hams, per lb.	25 to 30
Bacon, per lb.	8 to 18
Beef, per lb.	8 to 18
Pork, dressed, per lb.	15 to 18

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FUNERAL NOTICE

LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Members of L. O. L. 1426 and 1610 are requested to meet at the lodge room, A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, on Sunday afternoon, December 29, at 1:30 sharp to attend the funeral of our late brother, W. J. Nelson, of Rossland, B. C.

Sojourning brethren are earnestly requested to attend. By order

A. J. BRACE, W. M.

DANCE—A silver medal prize waltz will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall tonight, Miss Thain's orchestra. d28

LOST—On Christmas Day, near Cathedral, gun-metal chain purse. Apply Box 588, Colonist Office. d28

WANTED—A night clerk for hotel; only those of experience need apply. Apply drawer 732 City P. O. d28

OWNERS of timber claims or leases who desire to make a quick sale are requested to send all particulars as to nature and location of claims and lowest prices to postoffice drawer 765. d28

WANTED—Englishwoman, certificated cook, requires position as housekeeper, thoroughly experienced, part passage paid. Roseman Rushey, Hall Road, England. d28

LOST—On 23rd inst., on Superior St., black wool seal box. Reward at this office. d27

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS—You can make big money and be independent by handling one of my lines. Blackford, the Agency-Man, Toronto, Ont. d10

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

SMITH—In this city, on the 25th inst., at Royal Jubilee hospital, Alfred Wellington Smith, of Lillooet, B. C., aged 69 years, a native of Bedford, England.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., 1016 Government street, and from thence to Ross Bay cemetery.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too late for Classification)

WANTED—Light driving cart, cheap. Apply, stating price, to Box 583, Colonist Office. d28

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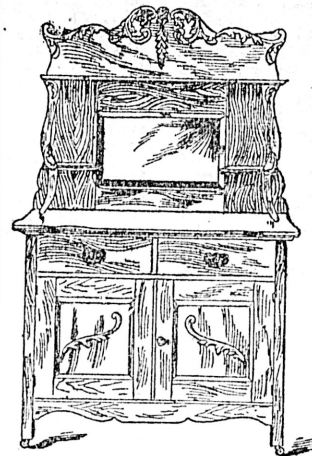
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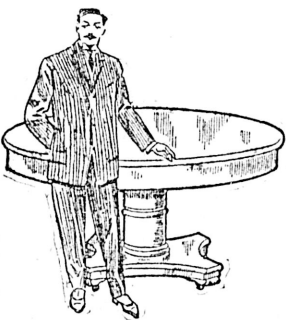
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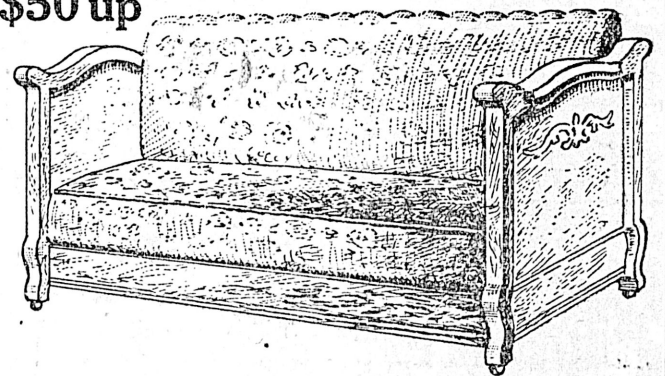
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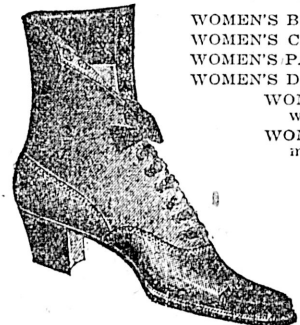
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MEN'S BOX CALF BLUCHER LACE BOOT, welt sole, waterproof sole. Per pair . . . \$5.00
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MEN'S BOX CALF LACE BOOTS, leather lined, heavy sole. Per pair . . . \$3.50
MEN'S STANDARD LACE BOOT, heavy sole. Per pair . . . \$2.50
MEN'S ENGLISH CALF LACE BOOT, heavy sole. Waterproof. Per pair . . . \$6.50
MEN'S PATENT COLT BLUCHER LACE BOOT, welt sole. Per pair . . . \$5.00
MEN'S KANGAROO BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, welt sole. Per pair . . . \$5.50
MEN'S OIL GRAIN LOGGERS' BOOTS. Per pair . . . \$4.00
MEN'S BOX CALF BLUCHER LACE BOOT. Per pair . . . \$3.00

EXTRA SPECIAL FROM THE TOY DEPARTMENT FOR TODAY

Beautiful Dressed Dolls, Regular Values up to \$8.50. Special Today, \$1.00

TODAY we are placing on sale a splendid and handsome assortment of beautiful dressed dolls. These are dressed in printed muslins, satin and velvets, trimmed with ribbon and lace. Included in this lot are dolls which represent nearly all nations, dressed in their national costumes, and are just the kind that will please the little ones, and on Saturday we are offering you an exceptional opportunity to purchase them at a tremendous saving. The regular prices were \$2.75 to \$9.50. For quick clearance today we have marked them down to the surprisingly low figure of



\$1.00 Each



DAVID SPENCER LIMITED

Extra Special Today

We are placing on sale today a handsome lot of fancy Pincushions. They are made of silk, with glass tray and ring holder. Regular values up to \$3.50. Special for today \$1.00 each



A poor dressmaker can make an ugly gown from good material. The cutting is as important as the goods.

Hurlbut's French Poplin

is not only the most beautiful of writing papers, but the cutting of the sheets and envelopes have given to it a style and "smartness" which appeals to the discriminating buyer of stationery.

May we not show you this celebrated paper? The price is, per box 25¢.

A Splendid Showing of Men's Head Dress

Everything that's nobby and stylish is included in this vast assortment. Every face can be suited from this superb stock, which includes stiff and soft styles, direct from the world's foremost manufacturers, such as the Stetson, King Borsalino, Nox-all and numerous other reliable marks, and it will be greatly to your advantage to favor us with a visit before purchasing elsewhere. Prices range from \$1.00 up to \$7.50

How About a Good Sweater for the Boy

We have just received and have on show a splendid line of Boys' Sweaters, just the thing for this changeable weather, in the latest golf style, with buttoned on shoulder, made of fancy knitted wool, in sizes from 1 to 6, in colors of navy and cardinal and trimmed with brass buttons, at, each \$1.50

Our Carpet Department

On the Second Floor is at present showing a beautiful assortment of Carpets, Rugs, etc. Every thing direct from the world's most foremost manufacturers is to be seen here, and includes all the very latest and unique designs, with all moderately priced.

Visit Our Oriental Tea Room

On the third floor, when fatigued and have a cup of our special blend of Tea, "Mem Sabe Tea" is noted for its fine flavor and aroma, and for refreshing you nothing can beat a good cup. It is also for sale at, per lb. 25¢